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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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**To: SACs, Charlotte (157-260)
Atlanta (100-6520)
New York (100-181548)**

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From: Director, FBI (100-3-116)

**COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE
IN RACIAL MATTERS
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ReNYairtel 1/15/64, copies to Atlanta and Charlotte, which enclosed a letterhead memorandum of same date concerning a retreat which the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) has scheduled to start 1/20/64 at Black Mountain, North Carolina. The President of the SCLC, Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as many of the organization's leaders, is scheduled to attend the retreat.

Reairtel set out a lead for Charlotte as follows:

"Consistent with maximum security, Charlotte should endeavor, UACB, to take such steps as might be feasible to determine the nature of King's activities while at the Black Mountain retreat. Any positive course of action in this matter should first be cleared by the Bureau."

Attention is directed to Buairtel 1/10/64 to Charlotte, Atlanta, and New York which discussed the retreat and responded to Charlotte's request for advice as to what coverage of the retreat was desired. The Bureau instructed as follows:

- 1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
- 1 - 100-438794 (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)

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"Because of the extremely discreet nature of the Bureau's inquiry to date concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., and because the retreat may involve the legitimate activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, no coverage whatsoever of the retreat itself is desired. Of course, if any of the receiving offices should receive information, particularly through sensitive sources available to Atlanta and New York, concerning activities taking place at the retreat, the Bureau and interested offices should be advised."

Charlotte is instructed to abide by the instructions set out in the paragraph quoted immediately above, which instructions are applicable not only as to coverage of the retreat but also as to King's activities at the retreat.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 1/13/64

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (100-10256)

SUBJECT: REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING
SECURITY MATTER - C
(OO - Atlanta)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies and for Atlanta 2 copies of letterhead memorandum regarding this matter.

The confidential source mentioned in the letterhead memorandum [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who specifically requested [REDACTED] identity be kept confidential.

If any additional information is received from [REDACTED] you will be advised.

- (2) - Bureau (Enc-8) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5586)
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- 3 - Richmond
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Richmond, Virginia
January 13, 1964

Re: Reverend Martin Luther King

On January 8, 1964, a confidential source who is familiar with most aspects of the racial situation in Lynchburg, Virginia, furnished the following information:

About two years ago, Reverend Martin Luther King came to Lynchburg, Virginia at the invitation of the Lynchburg Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, at which time he addressed a very large audience on various integration activities.

During the meeting a collection was taken up from the audience. After the meeting, Reverend King and some of his associates who came to Lynchburg with him from his headquarters gathered up all the money in sacks and placed the money in the trunk of their car, taking it with them when they left Lynchburg.

At no time was any accounting made of the money that was collected and to this date, it is not known how much money was collected or what disposition was made of it, except that it was taken by Reverend King and his associates.

The source expressed great admiration for Reverend King in his integration activities and expressed the opinion that Reverend King is a "good Christian".

The source then stated that "when all the integration activity is over, Reverend King will not be a pure man".

The source declined to elaborate further on this comment, except to state that failure to account properly for

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money collected as outlined above was not correct and to indicate that it was possible that Reverend King was in a position to keep all or any part of the money collected in Lynchburg for his own personal use.

A characterization of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference appears in the Appendix Section hereto.

APPENDIX

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

The November 19, 1960 issue of "The Richmond Times-Dispatch" reported that approximately sixty Negro church, professional and lay leaders throughout Virginia met on November 18, 1960 in Petersburg, Virginia and organized the Virginia Christian Leadership Conference (VCLC) for the purpose of "bringing about civil rights for all".

It was pointed out that VCLC is an affiliate of the SCLC of Atlanta, Georgia.

The purpose of SCLC was reported to "redeem the soul of America by creating the beloved community through organization, by consent of population, for the purpose of creative protest by education, training, developing leadership based on Christian nonviolent principles".

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Date: 1/6/64

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Via AIRTEL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
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REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 1/6/64; one copy is enclosed for Atlanta and Washington Field Office.

The sources used in this letterhead memorandum are as follows:

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- 6-Bureau (100-3-116) (Encl. 12) (RM)
 - (1-100-407018) (CLARENCE JONES)
 - (2-100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
 - (1-100-392452) (STANLEY LEVISON)
 - (1-100-438794) (COMINFIL SCLC)
- 1-Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Info) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1-Washington Field (100-) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Info) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1-New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)
- 1-New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)
- 1-New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (414)
- 1-New York (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (414)
- 1-New York (100-151548) (414)

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Agents who observed CLARENCE JONES on 1/3/64.
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This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. These sources have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable positions of the informants in furnishing information of this nature. (S) b(2) b7(D)



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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York
January 6, 1964

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Re: Communist Party
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On January 3, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison on that date. They made arrangements to meet at Levison's office, 6 East 39th Street, at 6:00 p.m., on January 3, 1964, for the purpose of discussing the meeting which Jones will have with Martin Luther King on January 5, 1964. Jones mentioned that King is a very sensitive person and was upset by the article in "Time" magazine in which he was named man of the year. Levison said he thought it was a poor article, but he said that it still might have a good effect in that it will make a lot of people angry. X (C)

On January 3, 1964, Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Clarence Jones entering 6 East 39th Street at 3:01 p.m. Jones was observed departing from 6 East 39th Street at 4:58 p.m. with Stanley Levison. Jones and Levison returned to 6 East 39th Street at 5:30 p.m. Jones departed from this address at 5:55 p.m.

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(2) On January 4, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King contacted Clarence Jones on that date. King said that while he is in Washington, D.C., for the Supreme Court case, he will be staying at the Willard Hotel. King stated that it will be all right if his picture is taken on the steps of the Supreme Court Building, and he said that he hopes that the case gets good coverage from the press. Jones indicated that he was certain the press would afford good coverage inasmuch as William Rogers, the former Attorney General, who will argue the case, represents "Newsweek" and the "Washington Post."

Jones said that he had a long talk with "our friend" last night, and he mentioned that "our friend" thinks the material for "The Nation" should not be used until after the Congress convenes. Jones also mentioned that "our friend" thinks that most of the prints should be in draft form by the time King gets to New York.

King indicated that Ralph (Abernathy) and Wyatt (Walker) will be at the New York meeting, and he said that fund raising will be discussed with Billy Rowe. According to King, the meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. on January 8, 1964. King mentioned that he would stay at the New York Hilton Hotel and that he would come directly from Washington, D.C., to New York. King stated he will bring with him a financial report of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and he indicated that this may help to straighten out the mess in the New York Chapter.

King mentioned that he had received congratulations from Roy (Wilkins) and Whitney (Young) regarding the "Man of the Year Award" by "Time" magazine, but he stated that he had not heard from Jim Farmer. Jones told King he had learned that

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the derogatory information in the "Time" article came from a book, "A Negro Revolt" by Louis Lomax. Jones stated that Louis Lomax is "a totally dishonest man." King inquired about what "our friend" thought of the article, and Jones replied that "our friend" thinks "we are lucky 'Time' didn't go into the Communist issue or the financial issue."

King told Jones to arrange for a major magazine like "Life," "Look", or the "Saturday Evening Post" to do an "article in depth on Martin Luther King as the President of SCLC and as the Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church". King also asked Jones to arrange a national net work television program concerning him (King) to be moderated by someone like Howard K. Smith of the American Broadcasting Company. (ABC).

Jones told King to make sure he attends the arguments at the Supreme Court in Washington, on January 6, 1964, since "the presence of Dr. King will have a tremendous effect on the Justices and will have a favorable influence in their decision." King stated he would be there. King said he was good friends with the family of Justice Black and that he was a friend of Justice Goldberg.

Ralph D. Abernathy is the Treasurer of the SCLC.

Wyatt T. Walker is Executive Assistant to the President of the SCLC.

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Martin Luther King is President of
the SCLC.

Billy Rowe is a public relations man
in New York City, and has been given
the task of fund raising for the SCLC.

Roy Wilkins is Executive Secretary
of the National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People.

James Farmer is National Director
of the Congress of Racial Equality.

Whitney Young is Executive Secretary
of the National Urban League.

With respect to the information concerning
arguments before the United States
Supreme Court, it is to be noted that
the arguments involving a "libel case"
are scheduled for January 6, 1964. The
arguments involve "The New York Times"
and the individual defendants who signed
"the ad."

Governor Patterson of Alabama filed a
one million dollar libel suit against
"The New York Times," Martin Luther
King, and four Negro clergymen for
an ad appearing in the March 29, 1960
issue of "The New York Times".

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It is to be noted that it has been
determined from ~~the~~ second source ~~(2)~~
that when King and Jones refer to
"our friend" they are referring
to Stanley Levison. ~~(1)~~

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Stanley Levison was a secret member
of the Communist Party, United States
of America. ~~(1)~~

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro question
Communist influence in racial matters
Internal Security - C

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for
the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15
East 40th Street, New York City.

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REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.1
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SUBJECT: CPUSA
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The sources used in the letterhead memorandum are as follows:

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Sources used in characterizations are as follows:

- ④ - Bureau (100-3-116) (Encls. 6) (RM)
- ① - 100-106670 (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 1 - Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (INFO) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-100194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41)
- 1 - New York (100-150405) (AL DUCKETT) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-151548) (414)

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Indices of the NYO contain nothing identifiable with ADELE CANTOR.

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Levison said that he was amazed by the lack of interest shown in this problem yesterday. Levison told Jones to handle this matter with Ruth Bailey diplomatically. Levison stated that "the problem with these people was that they made policy without considering the parent organization". Levison related that the New York Office of the SCLC "just got out of control and it will have to be set straight right now".

Levison told Jones that they had resolved the problem of Al Duckett yesterday while he (Jones) was out of the room. Levison said they feel the fact that Duckett can contact such people as Jack Robinson and Rockefeller outweighs his shortcomings. Jones said that any problems Bayard (Rustin) can cause Martin Luther King are mild compared to those which Duckett can cause King. Levison remarked that Jones should have raised these objections yesterday.

Levison stated that Ed Clayton is doing a tremendous job with the "SCLC Newsletter" even though he is a drunk. Levison stated "if those jerks can tolerate Wyatt (Walker) why can't they take care of this drunk". He mentioned that Wyatt has "real problems". Levison stated that Billy Rowe has some good ideas but talks about things he is not experienced in and, therefore, did not make the best impression yesterday. Jones remarked, "that jerk Wyatt thinks he can run all the public relations aspects of this show".

Jones asked Levison what King thought about being "man of the year". Levison said that King related he (King) has ABC's at his home and "what's one more".

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Jones and Levison agreed to meet on January 15, 1964 at 1:00 PM at Levison's office at 6 East 39th Street.

The same source furnished information which indicated that Adele Cantor, who is related to Gloria Cantor, Jones' girlfriend, contacted Jones on that date. Jones made an appointment with her to interview her for a job on January 15, 1964 at 1:00 PM, at 6 East 39th Street, Park Management Company, 6th floor, which is Levison's company.

The same source advised that Jones made an inquiry at the New York Office of the SCLC regarding Ruth Bailey on January 9, 1964. Upon learning that she was not there, Jones left a message that Reverend Abernathy has money for the New York Office but that he must obtain certain information from Bailey before he will send the money. Jones made arrangements to see her on January 13, 1964 at 10:00 AM.

Ralph D. Abernathy is the Treasurer of the SCLC.

Wyatt T. Walker is Executive Assistant to the President of SCLC.

Martin Luther King is President of the SCLC.

Billy Rowe is a public relations man in New York City, and has been given the task of fund raising for the SCLC.

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Ed Clayton is Director of Public Relations
for the SCLC.



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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the UNAVA:

- "1. Cited as subversive and among the affiliates and committees of the Communist Party, USA, which seeks 'to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means'. (Attorney General Tom Clark, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front 'formed to provoke racial friction'. (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p 92.)"

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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RE:

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1155

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1156

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PERSONAL ATTENTION:

1/9/64

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, W. C. SULLIVAN

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

SAC, MILWAUKEE (157-138) -RUC-

CP, USA

NEGRO QUESTION

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS


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Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 1/6/64.

The Rev. OLIVER W. GIBSON is President of Wesley Methodist Church, Beloit, Wisconsin, resides 1014 Copeland Avenue, Beloit, Wisconsin, telephone EMerson 2-2938 (362-2938).

Milwaukee Indices contain the following background information concerning GIBSON:

Rev. OLIVER W. GIBSON formerly resided at 1406 South Valmar, Little Rock, Arkansas and was Pastor of the White Memorial Methodist Church, a negro church. His wife is MARJORIE, and she is believed to have taught in a negro school in Little Rock.



4 - Bureau (2 - 100-3-116) (AM-RM)
(1 - 100-438794) (SCLC)
(1 - 100-106670) (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
2 - Atlanta (1 - 100-6520) (AM-RM)
(1 - 100-6520-A) (Personal Attention of SAC)
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[REDACTED] At that time, Birmingham had no record for GIBSON and the Little Rock Office had no security information regarding GIBSON. In a Little Rock case involving the bombing of a residence of one of the original nine negroes to enter Little Rock Central High School, GIBSON furnished information, the reliability of which was very questionable, and acted as spiritual advisor for one of the negro subjects. While in Little Rock, Arkansas, GIBSON associated with white and negro groups advocating integration.

The April 15, 1961 issue of the Beloit Daily News, a daily newspaper published at Beloit, Wisconsin, contained a letter to the editor from GIBSON, wherein he lists himself as president of the Beloit branch of the NAACP. In this letter, he points out that Beloit, Wisconsin has possibilities of being a model city from the standpoint of size and other qualities except they have prejudice and discrimination; and then he asked questions as to why negroes are not employed by the police department, fire department, certain jobs in the telephone company, public utilities, Beloit Iron Works, faculty of the high school, sales and clerical capacity in department stores and at the Fairbanks-Morse Company in Beloit, Wisconsin.

The May 4, 1961 issue of the Rockford Morning Star, a daily newspaper published at Rockford, Illinois, contained an article under the headline, "Freedom Week Rivalry Ended," and stated that representatives of the Beloit Freedom Week Committee and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stated principles of their separate rallies scheduled for May 6, 1961. Although differing in their interpretation of freedom, both groups emphasized that the two observances would not interfere with each other. This was a joint statement by Rev. O. W. GIBSON, president of the NAACP, and HY JAYSON, Chairman of the Freedom Week Committee.

The May 8, 1961 issue of the Beloit Daily News contained an article describing a rally of Beloit negroes held May 6, 1961, wherein the main speaker was

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the Rev. O. W. GIBSON, President of the Beloit NAACP and pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church. The article stated that nearly 300 Beloit negroes, joined by about 45 white persons, participated in a mass freedom rally May 6, 1961 at Beloit, Wisconsin.

The June 14, 1961 issue of the Wisconsin State Journal, a daily newspaper published at Madison, Wisconsin contained an article describing a civil rights rally of about 200 persons held on the steps of the Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin, Tuesday, June 13, 1961. The group was addressed by Wisconsin Governor GAYLORD NELSON and Rev. OLIVER W. GIBSON of Beloit, who stated, "We want legislative action." GIBSON was described as one who participated in the anti-segregation struggle in Little Rock, Arkansas, as a minister of a congregation there for four years and noted discrimination here and contrasted the difference between government leaders in Wisconsin and the South, stating, "The only difference I see here in Wisconsin is that this time the governor is on our side."

[REDACTED] advised that the negro rally held on May 6, 1961 in Beloit had been very orderly. There was no indication of any violence and no urging of violence on the part of GIBSON; [REDACTED] stated that the subject has become the spokesman for most of the negro groups in Beloit, Wisconsin and apparently has taken a continual interest in attempting to obtain employment for negroes, particularly in the municipality of Beloit, Wisconsin. b7(D)

RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 1/15/64; a copy of this letterhead memorandum is also enclosed for Atlanta and Charlotte.

The source used in this letterhead memorandum is

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1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)
1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)
1 - New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (423)
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CHARLOTTE

Consistent with maximum security, Charlotte should endeavor, UACB, to take such steps as might be feasible to determine the nature of KING's activities while at the Black Mountain retreat. Any positive course of action in this matter should first be cleared by the Bureau.

This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
January 13, 1964

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Re: Communist Party, United States
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Communist Influence in Racial Matters
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On January 13, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Harry Wachtel on that date. Wachtel mentioned that "the retreat" at Black Mountain, North Carolina, would start next Monday, (January 20, 1964) at noon, and he also mentioned that this was the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) "retreat". Wachtel indicated that he and his wife were going to the retreat and would spend the weekend before it in Florida. Jones stated he was going to the affair and that his wife was making an effort to make it. Wachtel, who indicated that the Gandhi Society was paying for half of their travel expenses, stated that he would leave from Kennedy International Airport on Friday, (January 17, 1964) evening at 6:20 for Florida. Wachtel suggested that Jones and his wife might accompany them on their trip to Florida.

Jones remarked that he had gotten a note from Martin Luther King in which he requested that Jones and Wachtel get together and prepare some material for him. Jones stated King wants them to prepare a statement on the role of the SCLC in this period of social change, and he stated that this would be for the meeting at Black Mountain.

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Jones said that King mentioned this would include such questions as: "1. What is the basic purpose of the SCLC?; 2. What distinguishes the SCLC from other organizations or what is its unique role?; 3. What should be our future course of action?". Jones also mentioned that King stated it would be helpful if they would prepare this material and bring with them any suggestions that they might have.

Wachtel told Jones that King is giving a talk at The New School for Social Research in New York, on February 6, 1964, and he said this would be the first of fifteen lectures on the "Racial Crisis in America". Wachtel suggested if that is what King is doing on February 6, it would be nice to schedule a meeting of the Gandhi Society Board and invite people, telling them that King will speak about the tasks for 1964, the civil rights movement and the Gandhi Society.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for
the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15
East 40th Street, New York City.

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Harry M. Lockwood is the Special Counsel for
for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15
East 40th Street, New York City. He resides
at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long
Island, New York.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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On January 4, 1964, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Martin Luther King, Jr., discussed with Clarence Jones a meeting scheduled to take place in New York City on January 8, 1964, which would be attended by officials of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). King, President of the SCLC, indicated that he would stay at the New York Hilton Hotel in New York City during the time of this meeting. On January 8, 1964, Special Agents of this Bureau observed Stanley Levison enter the Hilton Hotel at 9:41 a.m. Jones was observed entering the same hotel at 9:52 a.m. Jones and Levison were observed meeting in the lobby of the hotel, after which they took an elevator to the 33rd floor. At 4:59 p.m. on the same day our Agents observed King, Levison and Jones departing from the Hilton Hotel. Also observed departing from the hotel at that time were Bernard Lee, Wyatt T. Walker and Ralph D. Abernathy.

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- 1-100-392452 (Stanley David Levison)
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The Attorney General

Information noted above, in addition to the specific data concerning the observations of Bureau Agents, was supplied by sources who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Any further information received concerning this matter will be furnished to you.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

NOTE:

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RE:

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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January 13, 1964

Waukesha, Wisconsin

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 6, 1964, with enclosure, has been received.

With regard to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI is confidential and is available for official use only, in accordance with Department of Justice regulations. Consequently, I am unable to respond to your question.

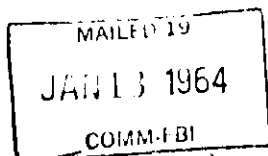
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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WAUKESHA, WIS.

January 6, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

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I am enclosing a piece of literature that we have received through the mail, showing Martin Luther King as a Communist front for the Port Americans Association. I would appreciate it if you would advise me if this is true.

Very truly yours,
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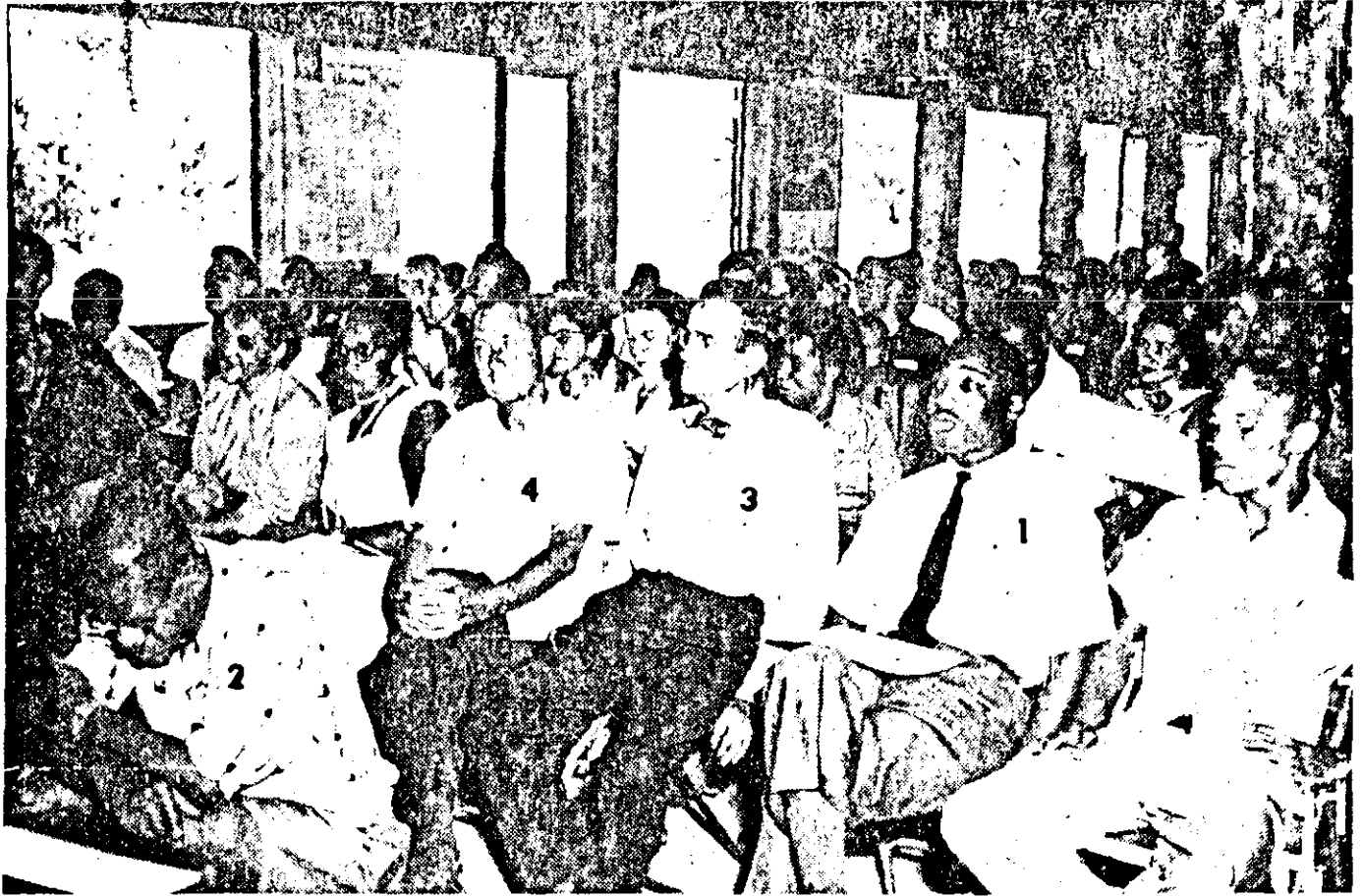
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MARTIN LUTHER KING.... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL.



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner V. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

January 10, 1964

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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KARL PRUSSION
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

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A Washington Capital News Service release dated 1/9/64 contained information regarding a speech made by Alabama Governor George Wallace at Tucson, Arizona, on 1/9/64. According to the release, Wallace read an affidavit of a "Federal Bureau of Investigation counterspy" who said that integration leader Martin Luther King is the man the Communist Party (CP) should follow and that the counterspy claims King is supported by 60 communist front organizations. The Director noted regarding the affidavit of a Federal Bureau of Investigation counterspy "What do we know of this?"

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It appears that the "counterspy" referred to by Wallace is identical with Karl Prussion, former security informant. In this regard Bufile on Prussion shows that on 7/15/63 Governor Wallace appeared before the Senate Commerce Committee and read an item from the "Augusta Courier" which quoted Prussion as stating he was for 22 years a counterspy for the FBI and that Martin Luther King belonged to more communist organizations than any other man in the country. It is noted that Prussion was a confidential informant for the Bureau from 1949 to 1958 during which time he supplied information of a security nature but was discontinued in 1958 and any opinions or comments which he has made since that time have been strictly on his own. During the past several years Prussion has been making speeches before civic groups and has identified himself as a former FBI informant. He has also appeared as a witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and the California Assembly Interim Committee concerning communists in public life in California. He has also associated himself with several anticommunist organizations.

Prussion was interviewed by the San Diego Office on 7/15/63 concerning the news article Governor Wallace read before the Senate Commerce Committee. During this interview he stated that as late as May, 1963, he had publicly described King as having been associated with more communists and left-wing causes than most communists but that he was misquoted when he was accused of saying King had belonged to more communist fronts than anyone in the United States. Prussion

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stated he has commented in his speeches about King's affiliation with communist fronts and causes and all his material has come from Government documents, such as reports of the HCUA, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and state legislative committees. Prussion stated he does not know King to be a communist or member of the CP and had never so identified King in any of his speeches. He stated he did know the CP was pleased with some of King's activities and he believed that some of King's activities and programs fitted in with the objectives of the CP.

The above information concerning Governor Wallace's reading the news article which quoted Prussion, background information regarding Prussion and the results of San Diego's interview with Prussion on 7/15/63 were furnished the Attorney General by letter dated 7/16/63.

ACTION:

For the Director's information.

ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

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1-Belmont
1-Sullivan
1-Blair
1-Baumgardner
1-Forsyth
1-Liaison
1-Kleinknecht

January 9, 1964

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REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., was born January 15, 1929, at Atlanta, Georgia. He resides at 563 Johnson Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, and is employed as copastor (with his father) of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 407 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta. He is also President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the main office of which is located at 330 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta.

It is requested that two uncertified copies each of the income tax returns of Reverend King for the past five years be made available. It is also requested that the results of any investigation which may ever have been conducted concerning income tax returns wherein Reverend King was involved likewise be made available.

NOTE:

See memo Baumgardner to Sullivan dated 1/8/64 captioned "Communist Party, USA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters, Internal Security - Communist," SFP:kmj. Classified "Secret" because the unauthorized disclosure of the Bureau's interest in this matter could result in serious damage to the Nation.

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1 - Mr. Bland

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Recent correspondence from receiving offices gives some indication that individuals and/or organizations of interest to the Bureau relative to captioned matter may possibly be taking actions either designed to circumvent tax laws or actually in violation of such laws. As examples, the following specific references are noted:

Atlanta letter to the Bureau, copies to New York, 12/31/63 contains a reference in the top paragraph of page 2 to a contact between Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dr. Benjamin Mays, President, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, at which time a financial statement of King was discussed. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of page 2 of the referenced letter report on a discussion concerning Wyatt Walker, Executive Assistant of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and one Reverend Simason (phonetic) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They discussed a possible speaking engagement for Martin Luther King, Jr., in Milwaukee and Simason asked Walker how a donation could be given to King, tax exempt. Walker said that the plan they always used was to have checks made out to a local church, in this case a Milwaukee church, and that church in turn would endorse the check to "Southern Home Mission work." Walker said that some sums as large as \$5,000 have gone directly to King's church in Atlanta to avoid taxes.

New York airtel 1/3/64, copies to Atlanta, enclosed a letterhead memorandum of same date which reported in paragraph 2 of page 1 a contact between Clarence Jones and Harry Wachtel. Wachtel stated that he had received an invitation from Martin Luther King, Jr., to attend the "Black Mountain

2 - Atlanta (100-6529)

1 - 100-103670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

1 - 100-433794 (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)

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Retreat." Wachtel mentioned that the invitation stated that the bill would be paid by the Gandhi Society and that if the Gandhi Society pays the bill for the affair, it might lose its tax exemption. Wachtel therefore felt that this statement should be deleted from the invitations.

The Bureau believes that the references developed to date to any possible evasion or violation of tax laws are too indefinite to enable the Bureau to make any logical dissemination to the Internal Revenue Service or any other tax authorities at this time. Another factor for consideration, but not necessarily a deterring one, is the most sensitive and discreet nature of our current investigation of King and the groups with which he is associated.

Receiving offices should remain particularly alert to all references developed to any possible tax evasion or violation of tax laws and furnish the Bureau promptly such information as developed. Such information may be forthcoming relative not only to King, but to the organizations with which he is associated. No open investigation should be conducted to develop this type of information. However, as information of this nature is developed in connection with captioned matter it should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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1 - Mr. Forsyth
1 - Mr. Ryan

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ReNYairtel to Bureau, copy to Atlanta, 1/6/64,
which enclosed a letterhead memorandum (LHM) of same date.

First complete paragraph, page 3, of the LHM
reports on a conversation between Martin Luther King, Jr.,
and Clarence Jones during which King told Jones to arrange
for a major magazine like "Life," "Look," or "The Saturday
Evening Post" to do an "article in depth" on King. King
also asked Jones to arrange a national network television
program concerning King.

Receiving offices should be particularly alert
to any further indication that efforts might be made to
utilize such media as mentioned above for the purpose of
enhancing King's image to the public. Keep the Bureau
promptly advised of any information obtained.

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Memorandum from W. C. Sullivan to A. H. Belmont 12/24/63 summarized the results of a conference held at the Seat of Government 12/23/63 between Bureau officials and Supervisors and field representatives designed to explore how best to carry on our investigation of captioned matter to produce the desired results without embarrassment to the Bureau. We completely analyzed avenues of approach aimed at neutralizing Martin Luther King, Jr., as an effective Negro leader. One of the avenues explored was that concerning any facets of the financial operations of King and the organizations through which he operates which investigation might reveal either violations of the law or other potentials for discrediting King or otherwise neutralizing his effectiveness.

Bufiles contain two items of particular significance. A Washington Capital News Service release dated 10/22/63 reveals that King's integration organization had an income of more than \$735,000 during the past fiscal year and spent only about half of it. It is stated that in a report of the financial status of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which King is President, King disclosed that the organization had a balance of \$351,992.20 left 8/31/63 at the end of the fiscal year from a total income of \$735,534.02. Another such news release dated 11/4/63 revealed that Representative George Andrews (D-Ala.) asked the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to investigate the tax status of the SCLC. Andrews is quoted as saying, "Thousands and thousands of dollars are collected and spent each year by so-called civil rights organizations and many people are beginning to suspect they could be a front for a full-grown racket."

It is noted that King's operations revolve principally around the SCLC. However, fund-raising operations on his part are further augmented by the activities of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, which commenced operations in 1962.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

NEGRO QUESTION

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

100-3-118

OBSERVATIONS:

It is believed that an examination of recent income tax returns of King might well reveal information which could assist the Bureau in its efforts to discredit King or neutralize his effectiveness. This is possibly applicable also if the income tax returns of the SCLC and the Gandhi Society were reviewed. In view of the possibility that the SCLC has already been under some investigation by IRS, a request for the results of such investigation is indicated. We also had information in late 1963 that the Gandhi Society was negotiating with IRS relative to tax exemptions and therefore the results of any IRS investigation of that Society would be worth procuring. *e*

To date we have been most discreet and circumspect in our handling of the King investigation, as well as corollary investigations such as revolving around organizations, because of the position King has not only as a clergyman, but also as a "respected" Negro leader. It is therefore essential that our current requests of the IRS which are herein being recommended be handled in a manner which would provide for optimum security so that neither King nor any other unauthorized individuals may become aware of the Bureau's interest and so that no embarrassment may come to the Bureau. For this reason, the attached memoranda are classified "Secret."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Liaison Section obtain two uncertified copies of each of the income tax returns available for the past five years pertaining to King, the SCLC and the Gandhi Society. Attached hereto are three memoranda for the use of the Liaison Section.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Date: 1/7/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)
(100-392452)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)
(100-111180)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS
IS-C
(OO: NY)

STANLEY D. LEVISON
SM-C
(OO: NY)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum containing information from [REDACTED] on 1/3/64, concerning a conversation between LEVISON and a representative of the publishers of MARTIN LUTHER KING's book. *Class*

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- 5 - Bureau (100-3-116) (Encls. 7) (RM)
(1 - 100-392452) (STANLEY D. LEVISON)
(1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
3 - Atlanta (Encls. 3) (RM)
(1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)
1 - New York (100-150405) (AL DUCKETT) (422)
1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (414)
1 - New York (100-151548) (414)

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This letterhead memorandum is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], sources which have furnished highly sensitive information concerning the racial situation in the United States and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt this classification is necessary, not only to protect the sources, but to insure proper handling of the information furnished. b(2) b7(D)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bureau 100-3-116
100-392452

New York, New York
January 7, 1964

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

Stanley D. Levison
Security Matter - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 3, 1964, that on that date, a representative of the publishers of Martin Luther King's forthcoming book told Stanley Levison that the book would be on the book stands by the end of April, 1964, with full publication accomplished by the end of May, 1964.

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[REDACTED] Stanley Levison was a
secret member of the Communist Party,
United States of America (CPUSA).

They discussed getting a suitable picture of King for the cover of the book and the King picture on the recent issue of "Time" magazine was mentioned. Levison said that he believes "Time" did a "hatchet job" on King and that this upset him. The publisher's representative asked Levison for ideas on obtaining illustrations for the book and Levison suggested Wyatt Walker as such a source.

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Re: Communist Party, United States
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Wyatt Tee Walker is an assistant to
Martin Luther King with the Southern
Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

It was mentioned to Levison that Al Duckett is
ghost writing an article for Coretta King, King's wife, to appear
in a future issue of the "Women's Home Journal" and Levison
expressed surprise that King would have anything to do with
Duckett whom he described as a "worthless Negro writer who
hangs around King without helping King". Levison said this is
just another example of King's basic ignorance and inexperience
which is characteristic of the modern day Negro. He added that
King's writing is so bad that "when this crooked Negro butters
him up he falls for it". He described King as a "born sucker"
who will not listen to anyone. **D**

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and
Publications", prepared and released by the
Committee on Un-American Activities, United
States House of Representatives, Washington,
D.C., contains the following concerning the
UNAVA:

- "1. Cited as subversive and among the affiliates
and committees of the Communist Party, U.S.A.,
which seeks 'to alter the form of government
of the United States by unconstitutional means.'
(Attorney General Tom Clark, letter to
Loyalty Review Board, released December 4,
1947.)

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Re: Communist Party, United States
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"2. Cited as a Communist front 'formed to
provoke racial friction.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the
Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for
Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956,
p. 92.)"

It should be noted that a fourth confidential source,
who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on
September 3, 1963, that on that date, Al Duckett stated he was
working on the manuscript for Martin Luther King's new book.

The publisher's representative suggested that
Clarence Jones talk to King about acquiring some business
accumen and common sense and Levison replied that Jones does
not have much pull with King, that he has known King much
longer than Jones and he can not see much help for King in
obtaining some business sense.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the
Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th
Street, New York City.

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The LYL has been designated pursuant to
Executive Order 10450.

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SAC, Atlanta (100-8520)

January 7, 1964

Director, FBI (100-3-116)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

1 - Mr. Baumgardner
(Field Supervisor)
1 - Mr. Forsyth
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Since recent establishment by your office of certain sensitive-type coverage pertaining to captioned matter your office has submitted a series of letters under above caption flagged to the personal attention of Assistant Director William C. Sullivan, which communications have reported upon the results of such coverage. These letters have contained a caution in an opening paragraph that the communication is not to be disseminated outside the Bureau and that "When pertinent to a report, it should be placed on Cover Pages only." These letters have not forwarded any letterhead memoranda (LHM) which would enable the Bureau to make dissemination when same might be indicated.

The Bureau has made a close analysis of the information being submitted by your office in the afore-mentioned communications and is now offering the following guidance and suggestions for future handling of the information emanating from the sources referred to above.

(1) Unless some specific reason exists pertaining to a specific matter involved, it will not be necessary for your office to flag these communications to the personal attention of Assistant Director Sullivan. He is regularly being apprised through Seat of Government channels of the more important aspects relating to captioned case.

(2) The review of communications submitted by your office to date appears to indicate that the greater bulk of information obtained from these sources is being furnished to the Bureau. This includes information which is voluminous

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1 - 100-438794 (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)
1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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and which, if closely analyzed at the field office level, might well indicate that the raw material could be distilled down so that the Bureau will be furnished only the more pertinent information. Of course, there may be situations where information would be of interest to another office, in which event it should be furnished to such other office; but, this would not necessarily require advising the Bureau. Each item must be considered on its own merits. Doubtful situations should, of course, be resolved in favor of including advice to the Bureau.

(3) The material being furnished the Bureau has been handled in most instances by letter. It is believed that some of the information being obtained would indicate that an airtel would be the more appropriate type of communication to use. Also, there may be situations wherein a teletype should be used. You should therefore give thorough consideration to utilizing a more expeditious means of communication than a letter in those instances where time is a vital element.

(4) Your office has not been submitting LHM's with the letters discussed herein. Each item of information obtained from these sources should be closely examined with a view to the necessity for possible dissemination at the Seat of Government and when same is indicated, the pertinent information should be included in an LHM. It is suggested that information obtained from these sources be classified "Secret." As a guide to assist you, it is suggested that your office review a number of the airtels and LHM's which the New York Office has been submitting to the Bureau (in many instances your office also receives copies) which concern the same subject matter and are from similar type sources. In this regard, you should discontinue using the caveat "When pertinent to a report, it should be placed on Cover Pages only." As you are aware, the Bureau is responsible for appropriate dissemination of matters in the security field and, particularly in captioned matter, considerable dissemination is being made on a daily basis to the Department. Some of the dissemination includes the Attorney General and even the White House. Therefore, information obtained from these sources should be considered

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for inclusion in LHM's and investigative reports when appropriate. Should a question arise as to some specific data, an appropriate inquiry of the Bureau should serve to resolve whether or not the particular item in question may be included in communications prepared for possible dissemination.

(5) It is believed that the submissions from your office should be on a daily or near daily basis and that you avoid submitting communications covering information obtained from these sources over a period of several days. Following such procedure will prompt timeliness to not only your advice to the Bureau, but to the subsequent dissemination by the Bureau to other agencies. As an example in this regard, your attention is invited to your letter 12/31/63 which contains considerable information obtained on 12/17/63 and 12/18/63 and one item of information obtained on 12/19/63. It would have been more desirable to have submitted one or more communications concerning the 12/17/63 information, one or more concerning the 12/18/63 data and one concerning the 12/19/63 information. In this respect, also note that it would be far more desirable to segregate the information by subject matter as received. In other words, if on a particular date your sources report information pertaining to several different matters, it would facilitate reporting and administrative aspects, as well as timeliness, if the items were handled by separate communications. A close review of the 12/31/63 letter in question will indicate what specifically is intended by this suggestion.

(6) As an example of the necessity for including information in an LHM which merits dissemination, your attention is invited to another letter from your office dated 12/31/63 which contains information commencing at the bottom of page 3 and on all of page 4 concerning a discussion involving an Obstruction of Justice case. It is indicated that Wyatt Walker had told Slater King that Martin Luther King, Jr., had not followed through on Bobby Kennedy. Walker told Slater King that Martin wanted to wait until things calmed down after the assassination of

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the President but if the Government does not withdraw from the case they plan to get a delegation together to go to the Department of Justice and the White House. Walker indicated this was the next step in their program. He said they will circulate petitions and at the same time send the pressure group to Washington and this should be sometime no later than 2/10/64. The Bureau intends to disseminate such information to the Department, the White House and other appropriate agencies.

In view of the above, you are instructed to furnish by return airtel an LHM classified "Secret" which may be used for dissemination purposes. It should be devoted exclusively to the matter referred to above.

(7) As indicated above, it is suggested that a review of copies of New York communications in this matter which your office has received should serve as a guide and should also serve as additional guidance to your office in handling the matters discussed above. Insure that all personnel engaged in captioned case are given the benefit of instant communication.

January 7, 1964

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Brookville, Ohio 45309

Dear ██████████

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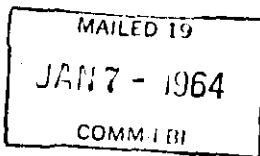
I have received the letter of December 29th from you and your husband, with enclosures, and I want to thank you for your expression of confidence in my administration of the FBI.

With regard to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI is confidential and available for official use only and consequently I am unable to respond to your question.

Enclosed is some literature I trust you will find to be of interest. In addition, you may desire to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." Copies may be available in your local library.

I am returning the stamped, self-addressed envelope which you so thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (6)

See Enclosures and NOTE next page

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**Correspondent's self-addressed envelope
"Keys To Freedom"
Counterintelligence Activities
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
4-1-61 LEB Introduction**

NOTE: Correspondents are not identifiable in Bufiles. Her enclosures were clippings concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., as written by Kent Courtney, who is well-known in Bufiles for his "rightist" political stands.

TRUE COPY

Dec. 29, 1963

Brookville, Ohio 45309.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We have much faith and confidence in you and your F.B.I.

We found this picture which I have enclosed on the front page of The Independent American. P.O. Box 4223 New Orleans, 18, Louisiana.

We want to know if there is any possiability that Martin Luther King Jr. is a communist?

We didn't know who to ask to find out the truth; so we decided to ask you; and enclosed is a self addressed stamped envelope, for an answer.

Our Minister Pastor of the [redacted] Church of the [redacted] called the Dayton Ohio branch of the F.B.I but they said they didn't know any thing about it. so we decided to write to you.

We beleive in God and our country and don't want to be fed a lot of untruth.

Yours truly

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ENCLOSURE

RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 1/3/64; two copies are enclosed for Atlanta; two copies are enclosed for WFO.

The source used in the letterhead memorandum is
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- ② Bureau (100-3-116) (Encls. 11) (RM)
① 100-407018 (CLARENCE JONES)
① 100-106670 (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
① - 100-437828 (HARRY WACHTEL)
2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encls. 2) (RM)
2 - Washington Field (100-) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encls. 2) (RM)
1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)
1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)
1 - New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (423)
1 - New York (100-151548) (414)

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LEADS:

WASHINGTON FIELD

Consistent with maximum security, WFO should endeavor, UACB, to take such steps as might be feasible to determine the nature of KING's activities while in Washington.

ATLANTA

Will furnish WFO with any additional information concerning KING's itinerary.

This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Bureau 100-3-116

New York, New York
January 3, 1964

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REASON FOR EXTENSION 2-1
DATE 1-3-84
DECLASSIFIED BY 6-076

Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
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On January 2, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones was in contact on that date with Edwina Smith, who is Secretary to the Program Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in Atlanta, Georgia. During the course of their conversation, Smith indicated that Martin Luther King will be going to Washington, D.C., on Sunday, January 5, 1964, but did not know where King would be staying while in Washington. Jones said that he would be going to Washington on Sunday and would be staying at the Willard Hotel where he has reservations from 11:00 AM on January 5, 1964, to the evening of January 7, 1964.

According to the same confidential source, Harry Wachtel will also be going to Washington on Sunday and will stay at the same hotel. The source also furnished information which indicated that Jones was in contact with Harry Wachtel on January 2, 1964. Wachtel said that he had received an invitation from King to attend the "Black Mountain Retreat". Wachtel mentioned that the invitation stated that the bill would be paid by the Gandhi Society. Wachtel said that if the Gandhi Society pays the bill for this affair, it might lose its tax exemption. Wachtel felt that this statement should be deleted from the invitation.

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Re: Communist Party, United States
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The same confidential source furnished information on December 13, 1963, which indicated that Clarence Jones told Martin Luther King that arguments before the United States Supreme Court in regard to the "libel case" are scheduled for January 6, 1964. He also mentioned that the arguments involve "The New York Times" and the individual defendants who signed "the ad". Jones stated that he and Harry Wachtel would be there for the arguments.

Governor Patterson of Alabama filed a one million dollar libel suit against "The New York Times", Martin Luther King and four Negro clergymen for an ad appearing in the March 29, 1960 issue of "The New York Times".

With respect to the "Black Mountain Retreat" mentioned by Wachtel, it is to be noted that King said he wants to have "a retreat like" conference at a "retreat center" owned by the Episcopal Church near Asheville, North Carolina. He indicated that the affair would begin on January 6, 1964 and would last until January 8, 1964.

Characterizations of Clarence Jones, Harry Wachtel and the National Lawyers Guild are attached.

On January 2, 1964, the first source furnished information which indicated that the "North Carolina retreat" will be held on the 20th to the 22nd (of January).

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for
the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15
East 40th Street, New York City.

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The LNL has been designated pursuant to
Executive Order 10450.

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
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Harry H. Wachtel is the Special Counsel for
for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15
East 40th Street, New York City. He resides
at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long
Island, New York.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

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For the information of Atlanta, there is no photograph of HARRY WACHTEL available.

There was no further information concerning the date of the suggested meeting in Washington; however, it is believed that the date is 1/5/64, which is the Sunday prior to the Supreme Court arguments.

The agents who observed CLARENCE JONES on 12/24/63, are as follows:

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On December 18, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King contacted Clarence Jones on that date. During the course of their conversation, King suggested that it might be possible for him to come to New York City, on December 24, 1963, for a meeting with Jones and Hermine Popper (ph), who is to edit King's book.

On December 24, 1963, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Bernard Lee, who is an assistant to Martin Luther King, contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Lee indicated that he and Martin Luther King got into New York City late last night and that they were staying at Room 1237, Park Sheraton Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 55th Street, New York City. Jones said that he would come to the hotel that morning. The source also furnished information which indicated that Ann Jones, the wife of Clarence Jones, contacted Stanley Levison on that date, and told him that King was at the Park Sheraton Hotel. She told him that Clarence was on his way over to meet with King and Hermine Popper (ph).

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On December 24, 1963, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Clarence Jones entering the Park Sheraton Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 55th Street, New York City, at 11:22 AM. Jones went to the 12th Floor of the Hotel. Jones was observed departing from the Hotel at 1:55 PM, on December 24, 1963.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

It is to be noted that Hermine Popper (phonetic) is to edit King's book which is being written about King's experiences in the civil rights struggle in Birmingham, Alabama.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA). C

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On December 26, 1963, the first confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison on that date. Levison suggested that they make some arrangements to meet in order to discuss things like "the New York Office". Jones said that he would come to Levison's house on January 3, 1964, at 10:00 AM.

With respect to the foregoing information, it is to be noted that it has been determined from the same source that in the past when Levison and Jones referred to the New York Office, they were referring to the New York Office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

On December 26, 1963, a fifth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison had a discussion on that date with Toni Hamilton, his secretary. Levison said that he did not see Martin Luther King when he was in New York City this time. Levison indicated that he plans to go to Atlanta to see King. Levison mentioned that while in New York, King met with Hermine Popper (ph) and that they discussed the re-arrangements of some of the chapters in the book.

On December 27, 1963, the first confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Martin Luther King on that date. Jones stated Harry Wachtel was busy working on the case which will be argued by William P. Rogers, the former Attorney General. Jones mentioned that it had been suggested that they all get together in Washington on Sunday if King can arrange his schedule to be there at 8:00 or 9:00 PM. King indicated that he was trying to work this out.

It is to be noted that with respect to the foregoing information, the same confidential source furnished information that arguments before the United States

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Supreme Court in regard to the "libel case" were scheduled for January 6, 1964. It was mentioned that arguments involve "The New York Times" and the individual defendants who signed "the ad". Governor Patterson of Alabama filed a one million dollar libel suit against "The New York Times", Martin Luther King and four Negro clergymen for an ad appearing in the March 29, 1960 issue of "The New York Times".

Harry H. Wachtel resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

Harry H. Wachtel is the Special Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights.

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

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 (1 - 100-439612) WILLIAM KUNSTLER)
 (1 - 100-358916) HUNTER PITTS O'DELL)
 (1 - 100-437828) HARRY WACHTEL)
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Indices of the New York Office contain no information concerning HERMINE POPPER.

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With respect to the contacting of JONES by "representatives of the Government", the NYO has not contacted JONES, and a review of NYO files did not reveal who the Government Representative might be.

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On December 13, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Martin Luther King in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on that date. During the course of their discussion, King mentioned that he will be on a very "tight schedule" for the next few days. He said that he will be in Michigan on Wednesday, December 18, 1963; in Baltimore, Maryland, on Thursday, December 19, 1963; and Danville, Virginia, on Friday, December 20, 1963.

King mentioned that he does not feel there is any urgency for him to meet with Governor Rockefeller. Jones told King that he feels it is urgent for King to meet with Harry Wachtel and himself in order that the pressing problems confronting them may be discussed. Jones said that one of the most pressing problems involves the fact that "an inquiry was made of him (Jones) by a representative of the Government about a Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) representative". Jones said, "It was akin to the questions asked Jack". King replied that he did not understand this problem. Jones stated he is afraid that "this problem will snowball". Jones reminded

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King that it could involve "the lawyer friend of Bill's". Jones said that "the government man" wanted to know "what position Bill's friend held in the SCLC", and Jones said that he told him that he did not know.

Jones and King made tentative plans to meet in Atlanta, Georgia, on December 22, 1963, if that is agreeable with Harry Wachtel.

King said that he did not like a recent Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) Television program dealing with the civil rights movement in Harlem. King asked Jones to let CBS know about this.

Jones said that Hermine Popper (ph) will edit King's book and will have it ready by January 13, 1963, if she gets ten per cent of King's royalties up to \$3,000. He said that she wants an advance of \$500. King said that he is agreeable to this but does not want anyone to get the impression that he receives help in preparing his books since he feels this would hurt his national image.

Jones informed Harry Wachtel's secretary that he had been in touch with Martin Luther King and that King would like to meet with Wachtel and himself. According to Jones, King said that he could meet with them in the morning of December 20, 1963, in Washington, D.C., from which point he will be departing at 2:00 o'clock by plane to go to Danville, Virginia. Jones said that King would also be available to meet with them on the evening of December 22, 1963, and the morning of December 23, 1963, in Atlanta, Georgia. Jones indicated he favored going to Atlanta since they would have more time to talk to King down there.

On December 16, 1963, the same source furnished information that Jones contacted Wachtel on that date. Jones mentioned that King is coming to New York City on Thursday, December 19, 1963, for a three hour conference with the publisher of King's book. After this conference, King will go to Baltimore.

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East 40th Street, New York City.

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Harry H. Wachtel is the Special Counsel
for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights.
He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings
Point, Long Island, New York.

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With respect to the name Jack, which was mentioned by Clarence Jones, it is to be noted that Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who uses the name Jack O'Dell, was formerly administrator of the New York Office of the SCLC.

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With respect to the comment made by Jones about "the lawyer friend of Bill's", it is to be noted that Arthur Kinoy recently joined Bill Kunstler's law firm as a partner.

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[REDACTED] furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones said many people are upset because of the fact that (Arthur) Kinoy says that he is trial counsel for the SCLC.

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that a rally was held on
October 24, 1952, sponsored by the
New York Council to Abolish the House
Un-American Activities Committee at
the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and
Eighth Avenue, New York City. William
Kunstler spoke at the rally and told
the audience that the House Committee
on Un-American Activities (HCUA)
interferes with social progress and the
brotherhood of man. Kunstler called
for the abolition of the HCUA.

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that
Kunstler had had the "Daily Worker"
delivered to his home in Port Chester,
New York.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast
Communist daily newspaper which
suspended publication on January 13,
1958.

William Kunstler is on the Board of
Directors of the Gandhi Society For
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The book mentioned above is one which is being written regarding Martin Luther King's experiences in the civil rights struggle in Birmingham, Alabama. The title of the book is "Why We Can't Wait" and is being published by New American Library for World Literature, 501 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Characterizations of the National Lawyers Guild and the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH
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On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1962, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

A third source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA" (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and co-ordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

Various sources have advised during March, 1962, that Communist Party (CP) members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

On May 6, 1963, the first source advised that the NYCAHUAC continues to function from its office at 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

The sources mentioned above have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence In Racial Matters
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On December 11, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. They discussed Martin Luther King's book, and during the course of this discussion, Levison mentioned that there are several chapters which should be revised and several others which require minor changes. Levison inquired about "the office uptown", and Jones replied that he thought the operation is to be transferred to Atlanta. Levison told Jones to get the key for the safety deposit box from Jack O'Dell (Hunter Pitts O'Dell), and he mentioned that there is a large list of contributors in the safe. They also discussed an appeal letter in connection with the "Jewish appeal". Levison said that he would send Wyatt (T. Walker) a constructive letter on the (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) Newsletter. Jones said he would appreciate that.

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[REDACTED] Stanley Levison was a
secret member of the Communist Party, United
States of America (CPUSA).

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Re: Communist Party, United States
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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for
the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15
East 40th Street, New York City.

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The LYL has been designated pursuant to
Executive Order 10450.

With respect to "the office uptown", mentioned
by Levison, it is to be noted that it has been
determined from the first source that when
Levison and Jones refer to "the office uptown",
they are in fact referring to the Southern
Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) office
at 312 West 125th Street, New York City. [REDACTED]

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Wyatt T. Walker is an Assistant to
Martin Luther King in the SCLC office
in Atlanta.

The book referred to above is one which
is currently being written on Martin
Luther King's experiences in the civil
rights struggle in Birmingham. (C)

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

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Re New York airtel to Bureau, dated 12/10/63.

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Referenced airtel contains information that WACHTEL and JONES are having difficulty contacting KING. It was agreed by JONES and WACHTEL that there is a definite need for a long conference with KING in order to get things accomplished. It is to be noted in the attached letterhead memorandum both JONES and WACHTEL appear to be disgusted with KING in view of the fact that he does not return their calls promptly. They agreed that KING, on occasion, does not even show them the courtesy of returning their calls.

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New York, New York
December 12, 1963

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Re: Communist Party, United States
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On December 10, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones attempted to contact Martin Luther King on that date, but was told by Dora McDonald, King's secretary, that King was in a conference. She told him that she would have King contact him later.

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who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Harry Wachtel contacted Clarence Jones on that date. They discussed the possibility that King would not come to New York tomorrow to meet with Governor Rockefeller. Wachtel mentioned that King was supposed to let him know one way or the other, but he indicated that to date he had not heard.

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furnished information that Wachtel subsequently contacted Jones to determine if he had heard from King. Jones said that he had not heard anything. Both men agreed that King had not shown any

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courtesy at all in that he neglected to advise them in regard to his plans concerning his New York trip. Wachtel said he would have to make some excuse for King at the Governor's office since King would not be able to see Governor Rockefeller at this time.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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Harry H. Wachtel is the Special Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

12/10/63

SAC, WFO (100-42388) -RUC-

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
ATLANTA DIVISION

Martin Luther King

Re Atlanta letter dated 11/26/63 to the Bureau,
and WFO letter dated 11/29/63 to Bureau, with cc to Atlanta
and New York, captioned "COMINFIL SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, IS-C."

Current Washington, D. C. Directory lists Rev.
WALTER FAUNTROY as DU 7-3517.

WFO letter of 11/29/63 set forth information in
WFO files re Rev. WALTER E. FAUNTROY.

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New York, New York
December 10, 1963

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
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Internal Security - C

On December 9, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Harry Wachtel on that date. Wachtel indicated that an appointment had been made for Martin Luther King to meet with Governor Rockefeller early on Wednesday morning, December 11, 1963. Wachtel said that possibly his (King's) Tuesday night cancellation "was just on the borderline", and Wachtel said that "with this possibility for Wednesday he might change his mind". Jones said he thinks this meeting is so important that King should make a special trip from Atlanta. Wachtel indicated he would contact King in regard to this.

The same source furnished information on December 4, 1963, that there was to be a meeting on December 10, 1963, and that Martin Luther King would be there.

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who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that there would be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Gandhi Society on December 10, 1963, at the home of Harry Wachtel.

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Harry H. Wachtel resides at 29 Split
Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island,
New York.

Harry H. Wachtel is the Special Counsel
for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers
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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been organized making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protest.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 25, 1956, p. 91.)"

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Dec. 7, 1963
Eureka Mont.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.


Gentlemen:

Could you send us any literature on the John Birch
Society? We have heard pros & cons on this subject and would
like to know the truth.

Also have you any new information for 1963 on
Communism in our Federal Government? And could we have
a copy of this? (If possible). And is there any way that a
common citizen can help fight Communism in our government?

thank you for the above information in advance
and also for your fight against Communism.

Yours sincerely,


Eureka, Mont.

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P. S.

Also we have heard that the negro leader Martin Luther King
belongs to several Communist front organizations. Is this
true?

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Summit, New Jersey

Dear [REDACTED]

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I have received your letter of December 19th and can understand the concern prompting your communication.

While I would like to be of service to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only and consequently I am unable to respond to your specific question.

Enclosed is some literature I trust you will find to be of interest. In addition, you may desire to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." Copies may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Faith in Freedom

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"

4/17/62 Internal Security Statement

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SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY
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December 12, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have recently heard someone make what I considered the rather irresponsible charge that Dr. Martin Luther King is a communist,--or that he is a fellow-traveler whose patriotism and loyalty are questionable. Can you tell me if there is any basis in this charge?

I have always believed him to be a dedicated minister of Our Lord Jesus Christ whose Christian conviction has led him to the position of leadership he holds among his people. I have always felt it important that men of his character and methods be encouraged and supported. I fear the leadership slipping into more ruthless hands.

If you can give me any information about this I will be most grateful.

Yours sincerely,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: December 24, 1963

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

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1-Mr. Belmont

1-Mr. Sullivan

1-Mr. Baumgardner

1-Mr. Gurley

1-Mr. Ryan

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
 NEGRO QUESTION
 COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
 INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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In view of the influence the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), is exerting on the racial situation, particularly through Martin Luther King, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the Director approved a conference be held between representatives of our Atlanta Office and Seat of Government personnel.

Recognizing the delicacy of this entire situation because of the prominence of King, the primary purpose of the conference was to explore how best to carry on our investigation to produce the desired results without embarrassment to the Bureau. Included in our discussion was a complete analysis of the avenues of approach aimed at neutralizing King as an effective Negro leader and developing evidence concerning King's continued dependence on communists for guidance and direction.

The conference was held at the Seat of Government on 12-23-63. It was attended by Security Supervisor [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] from our Atlanta Office. The Seat of Government representatives were Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan, Inspector Joseph A. Sizoo, Section Chief F. J. Baumgardner and Supervisors [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The conference lasted from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Assistant Director Sullivan briefed the conference on the task at hand. He pointed out the necessity for good judgment and discretion in conducting any investigation concerning this matter. He made it clear it was necessary for us to continue obtaining evidence of the CPUSA's influence on King and, through King, influence on the Negro people. Mr. Sullivan also stressed the fact that, although King is a minister, we have already developed information concerning weaknesses in his character which are of such a nature as to make him unfit to serve as a minister of the gospel.

Mr. Sullivan pointed out that the field should continue to gather information concerning King [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in order that we may consider using this information at an opportune time in a counterintelligence move to discredit him.

During the discussion which followed, the men from the field outlined in detail the operation of the SCLC in Atlanta and the manner in which it is managed by King.

Our discreet approach to this case has been necessitated by King's prominence and the delicate situation which surrounds the entire racial movement. A wrong move could well result in extreme embarrassment to the Bureau. As a result of the conference, it was decided we need to develop additional information in the following areas:

- (1) We must determine and check out all of the employees of the SCLC.
- (2) We must locate and monitor the funds of the SCLC.
- (3) We must identify and check out the sources who contribute to the SCLC.
- (4) We must continue to keep close watch on King's personal activities.
- (5) We will, at the proper time when it can be done without embarrassment to the Bureau, expose King as an immoral opportunist who is not a sincere person but is exploiting the racial situation for personal gain.
- (6) We will explore the possibility of utilizing additional specialized investigative techniques at the SCLC office.

Our technical coverage on King and the SCLC is producing excellent information. It was decided that, in view of this fact and since we could not engage in active investigation at this time without embarrassment to the Bureau, we would hold in abeyance open investigation as outlined above for another 90 days. During this time, we will utilize the information obtained from our technical coverage and conduct whatever investigation can be made discreetly.

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This conference proved to be most beneficial, and the men from the field expressed their appreciation for the opportunity of being brought into the Seat of Government for the purpose of exploring this entire matter. They were both enthusiastic about the case and stated the conference was of exceptional benefit to them and will be of assistance in setting the future course of the investigation.

ACTION:

We will continue to give this case priority attention both at the Seat of Government and in the field and will expose King for the clerical fraud and Marxist he is at the first opportunity. At the end of the 90-day period, or sooner if conditions permit, we will make a further recommendation as to whether we are in a position at that time to take further action against King and the SCLC without embarrassment to the Bureau.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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DIRECTOR, FBI

12/23/63

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DEROGATORY STATEMENTS MADE AGAINST
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND LATE PRESIDENT

[REDACTED] alleged to be a truck driver for [REDACTED] out of St. Louis, Mo., telephonically contacted the Tampa Office on 12/16/63, about 2:00 A.M., to advise that he had been in the [REDACTED] Bar, [REDACTED] Tampa, a short time before, and had knocked an unknown man off a bar stool after the man stated he was proud of the President's death, also that Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY, and MARTIN LUTHER KING would "get theirs" within thirty days. [REDACTED] described this man as white male, 6' tall, 175 pounds, with brown hair, believed to be a truck driver.

Inquiry conducted by SA [REDACTED] on 12/16/63 at [REDACTED] office, [REDACTED] Tampa, was unproductive in the identification or location of complainant [REDACTED]

b7(c) [REDACTED] owner of the [REDACTED] Bar, stated on 12/16/63 that he was present at the bar at the time of the altercation during the early morning hours of same date, however he allegedly did not hear the conversation which preceded the scuffle, and has no knowledge concerning same. He said he does not know the name of the man who was struck although he said that this individual is a frequent customer of the bar and, after the incident in question, was sent in a cab to the [REDACTED] Motel on [REDACTED] where he allegedly resides, because of his inebriated condition.

Inquiry conducted at the [REDACTED] Motel, [REDACTED] and at the office of the [REDACTED] Cab Company, [REDACTED] Tampa, was unproductive in the identification of this individual.

[REDACTED] voluntarily contacted the Tampa Office on the evening of 12/16/63 after he heard that the FBI was attempting to locate him. Upon being interviewed, [REDACTED] advised that he apparently got very drunk at the [REDACTED] Bar on the previous evening and some unknown individual hit him in the face, cutting his lip, sometime during the early morning hours. He said that he was so drunk that he has no recollection whatsoever concerning the entire incident, and has no knowledge that he said anything about the late President KENNEDY or concerning Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY. He advised that he would never have

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said the things he was alleged to have said at the bar, had he been sober, since he never discusses and argues religion or politics with anyone, feeling that everyone has the privilege of their own opinions on those subjects.

██████████ said that he has never knowingly threatened anyone, also that he does not own a gun, has never owned a gun and "couldn't hit the side of a barn if he was on the inside". He stated that he has never been arrested except for traffic violations, and that any statement made by him at the ██████████ Bar was made without intent, since he was apparently "dead drunk".

██████████ advised on 12/16/63 that said ██████████ contains no record identifiable with ██████████

██████████ Tampa, stated on 12/16/63 that ██████████ has been a good employee of his company for about a year, and has been in no trouble during that time, to his knowledge. He said that he has not heard ██████████ make any derogatory statements concerning any public officials, and that he definitely has not made any threats of any type. ██████████ described ██████████ as "all mouth". He advised that ██████████ had told him about the event of the previous evening and early morning hours, and indicated that he, BAIL, was going to have to quit drinking.

Following is set forth a description of ██████████ as obtained through interviews of ██████████

Name: ██████████
 Sex: Male
 Race: White
 Birthdate: ██████████
 Height: 6' 1"
 Weight: 175 lbs.
 Eyes: Gray
 Hair: Brown
 Marital Status: ██████████

Employment: Truck driver, ██████████
 Social Security: ██████████

No further investigation is contemplated in this matter.

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The Attorney General

December 30, 1963

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Dene

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Clarence Jones

recently indicated his concern to Martin Luther King over a pressing problem. Jones revealed that "a representative of the Government" made an inquiry of him (Jones) concerning a representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Jones reminded King that this problem could involve "the lawyer friend of Bill's" inasmuch as "the Government man" desired to know the position in the SCLC held by this person. Jones further advised King of the urgent need for a meeting with Harry Wachtel for the purpose of discussing their problems. Tentative plans were made for Wachtel, Jones, and King to meet in Atlanta, Georgia, December 22-23, 1963.

Harry Wachtel is the Special Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, an organization established to raise funds for King.

The NLR has been cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), United States House of Representatives.

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Concerning Jones' comments pertaining to "the lawyer friend of Bill's," it is noted that Arthur Kinoy, who recently joined William (Bill) Kunstler's law firm, has described himself as trial counsel for the SCLC. Kunstler, who is on the Board of Directors of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, has publicly denounced the HCUA, United States House of Representatives.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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(Martin Luther King)

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The Attorney General

NOTE:

Undoubtedly, Jones' concern involves the connection with the SCLC of Arthur Kinoy, a Security Index subject and allegedly a onetime acquaintance of Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, Communist Party, USA, and Stanley Levison, secret Party member. With respect to the contacting of Jones by "representative of the Government," the New York Office advised that they have initiated no such contact. Information concerning King's connection with Kunstler's law firm has previously been disseminated. It is highly possible that a Departmental representative has been in contact with Jones concerning Kunstler and Kinoy. This matter is being followed closely. *P*

This correspondence is classified "Secret" because unauthorized disclosure of the information could tend to reveal the identity of the highly sensitive source, [REDACTED], thereby resulting in grave damage to the Nation. Information was extracted from NYairtel and letterhead memorandum 12/17/63. *b7(D)*
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: December 19, 1963

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. Sullivan
 1 - Administrative
 Division
 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
 1 - Mr. Denz
 1 - Mr. Gurley

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
 NEGRO QUESTION

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
 INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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This memorandum recommends that Special Agent [redacted] Security Supervisor, and Special Agent [redacted] both of the Atlanta Office, be ordered to report to the Bureau on 12/23/63 for a one-day conference in order to explore fully the communist influence in racial matters as it pertains to Martin Luther King, Jr., whose headquarters are in Atlanta, Georgia, and to discuss avenues of approach to exposing King's unholy alliance with the Communist Party, USA (CP, U.S.).

The racial unrest in the United States is currently the target for a determined concentration of communist effort. Communists are using every means possible to divert the course and force of the unrest into support of communist objectives. Long-range communist strategy looks to the establishment of a Negro-labor coalition which the communists hope to be able to manipulate as a powerful political action weapon. This communist goal constitutes a serious national security problem in light of the fact that the individual playing a most dominant role as a leading spokesman for the estimated 20 million Negroes in this country today, Martin Luther King, Jr., is knowingly, willingly and regularly cooperating with and taking guidance from communists. King is using communists and in turn is being used by them.

NOTE

The composite of information available about King depicts an unprincipled opportunistic individual, as well as a man considered described within the Party as a Marxist. Because of the important role he plays in the Negro movement and communist influence being borne upon him, Atlanta has been instructed to keep the Bureau and pertinent offices advised of King's travels and his activities. Those offices have also been instructed to take no action which would embarrass the Bureau or which would make King aware of our coverage of him.

In order to explore fully the communist influence in racial matters and pin down all facets of the investigation as it pertains to King, as well as to discuss avenues of approach to exposing King's unholy alliance with the CPUSA and the delicacy of handling this phase of our investigation, it is deemed advisable and fully justified to have [redacted]



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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
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 the Security Supervisor, and  the case Agent,
both of the Atlanta Office, report to the Bureau on 12/23/63 for a
one-day conference.

ACTION:

That the attached teletype directing  and  to
report to the Bureau on 12/23/63 be approved.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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SUBJECT: CPUSA

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(1-100-392452) (STANLEY LEVISON)

1-Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encl. 1) (RM)
1-New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)
1-New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)
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This source has furnished highly sensitive information
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and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that
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the valuable position of the informant in furnishing
information of this nature.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply Please Refer to
File No.: BU 100-3-116

New York, New York
December 19, 1963

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Negro Question
Communist Influence in
Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On December 18, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King contacted Clarence Jones on that date. King informed Jones that he will be unable to attend the conference regarding the book scheduled for Friday, December 20, 1963. King suggested that it might be possible for him to make it on Tuesday, December 24, 1963, if the meeting is to take place before Christmas. He stated he could leave Atlanta at 2:20 a.m. on December 24, 1963, and arrive at New York at 4:20 a.m., and he said that by ten o'clock that morning he would be available for the conference. King said that after the conference he would take a flight back to Atlanta in the afternoon. Jones suggested the possibility of getting

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Hermine Popper (phonetic) to fly to Atlanta for the meeting, but King said he preferred having it in New York since there are too many distractions in Atlanta. Jones mentioned that he and their mutual friend had a long talk about "that chapter." King stated he read it recently and liked it.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel
for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,
15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The LYL has been designated pursuant to
Executive Order 10450.


It is to be noted that Hermine
Popper (phonetic) is to edit King's
book which is being written about
King's experiences in the civil
rights struggle in Birmingham,
Alabama.

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It is to be noted that it has been determined from the first confidential source that in the past when King and Jones refer to their mutual friend, they are referring to Stanley Levison.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America.

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12/19/63

SAC, NEW YORK (100-73250)

CLARENCE B. JONES
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On 11/27/63, [REDACTED] b(2) b(7)(D) who has furnished reliable 6076 information in the past, (conceal and paraphrase) furnished information that on that date CLARENCE JONES had been requested to call Mr. ROWE at CI 7-3136. It is to be noted that on 11/20/63 it had been learned that BILLY ROWE was to get the job of fund raiser for MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The current Manhattan Telephone Directory lists WILLIAM L. ROWE (Public Relations), 200 West 57th Street, New York City, with telephone number CI 7-3136. It also lists JOE LOUIS (Public Relations), 200 West 57th Street, New York City, with telephone number CI 7-3136.

In regard to WILLIAM ROWE, the following information was contained in New York file 97-1763 and Bureau file 100-335510 captioned "LOUIS-ROWE-FISHER-LOCKHART ENTERPRISES, INC., REGISTRATION ACT-CUBA":

The "New York Mirror" of 5/26/60 contains an article captioned "Louis Works for Cuba" in which it was stated that ex-heavyweight boxing champion JOE LOUIS was a "drumbeater for FIDEL CASTRO's Cuba - at \$237,000 for himself and three associates." It was stated that LOUIS registered with the Justice Department in Washington as an agent of the Castro government to promote tourism. According to the article, LOUIS as vice-president of LOUIS, ROWE, FISHER, LOCKHART ENTERPRISES, Inc., of 200 W. 57th St., NYC, signed the contract with the INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE LA TURISTA of Havana, Cuba, which was mentioned as Cuba's

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bureau for luring travelers to Cuba to fatten its lean treasury. It was mentioned that in registering with the Justice Department LOUIS used his legal name, JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW. Among the others who signed in registering with the Justice Department was WILLIAM LEON ROWE of 209 West 139th Street, known as BILLY ROWE, who listed himself as an associate member of the New York State Chiefs of Police.

The "New York Post" of 6/1/60, on page 2, contains an article captioned "JOE LOUIS Set to Quit Cuba Job" in which it was stated that JOE LOUIS is expected to sever all connections today with a \$237,000 public relations contract designed to attract Negro tourists to FIDEL CASTRO's Cuba. It was stated that the contract is held by Louis, Rowe, Fisher, Lockhart Enterprises, Incorporated, 200 West 57th Street, of which the former heavyweight boxing champion is first vice president. According to the article, when the public relations firm registered as a foreign agent in May, 1960, WILLIAM L. ROWE, president of the firm, insisted that the agreement had "nothing to do with Cuban-American politics". It was stated LOUIS had recently made a decision to disassociate himself from the contract. It was mentioned that ROWE is a former deputy police commissioner.

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In view of the sensitive position which [REDACTED] with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof, any information from this source should be classified "Secret".

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

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 (1 - 100-158790) (BAYARD RUSTIN)
 (1 - 100-437828) (HARRY WACHTEL)
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The New York Office has not been in contact with JONES, and a review of the files in the New York Office did not reveal any information as to who the Federal Representatives might be.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.
Bureau 100-3-116

New York, New York
December 18, 1963

Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On December 13, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Martin Luther King in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on that date. During the course of their discussion, Jones said that Hermine Popper (ph) will edit King's book and will have it ready by January 13, 1964.

On December 17, 1963, the same confidential source furnished information which indicated that King contacted Jones on that date. Jones said that Hermine does not want to get into the material until she talks with King. Jones explained that she wants to get "the proper guide lines" from King. Jones said that after going over the material, she indicated that she has a good idea of what is expected of her but she said she would like to discuss with King the arrangement of the material. According to Jones, Hermine feels that it would save her from doing things over if King could have a discussion with her.

King suggested that he might fly from Baltimore to New York City on Friday, December 20, 1963, and arrive at 12:00 noon. He stated that he would be able to stay in New York City until four or five o'clock. Jones and King agreed this would be a good arrangement. King also suggested that if he

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did not have to come all the way into town from the airport, he would be able to spend more time at the meeting. It was agreed that Jones would make arrangements to get a room at or near the airport. Jones suggested that he might try to get a room at the International Hotel or at the airport itself.

King inquired about the financial status of the Gandhi Society, mentioning that they were still being confronted with bills in Danville. King said, "They throw it up to us all the time that the Gandhi Society made a commitment and that they haven't had the follow through". Jones replied that Harry Wachtel has been working on this with Bill Kunstler. Jones indicated that Wachtel has been going over the bills, and he said that there has been a source of dispute because of a number of commitments were made "without our prior knowledge". He said these were commitments made by Bill (Kunstler), and he said he felt that they would have to honor them. Jones informed King that he thought the bills came to about \$12,000. Jones stated that some arrangements were made to have some money raised in Boston and that these funds were to be earmarked for Danville. Jones indicated that Wachtel was "a little angry" at the way Bill (Kunstler) had made certain commitments and "certain representations" without consulting him (Wachtel) or people in the (Gandhi) Society.

King told Jones that after New Years, he wants to have "a retreat like" conference for approximately two and a half days in North Carolina at "this retreat center" owned by the Episcopal Church. King said that the place is near Asheville. King indicated that it would give "us" time to get a little recreation; he mentioned that the place he has in mind has an indoor swimming pool and bowling alley. Continuing, King said that he was thinking of taking 20 or 30 people but not more than 30 people, and that these people would be members of the executive staff, a few of the board members, and four or five other people. King indicated he would like to have Jones and Wachtel come, and he also indicated

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he would like to have Bayard Rustin attend. King explained that he felt this affair would be very valuable in that they could sit down and really discuss the program. King went on to explain that this would not be an administrative meeting as such, although he said some administrative matters might come up during that period. King said that it will mainly be looking at the program for 1964, and looking over 1963. He said that it will be "a where do we go from here discussion". King indicated that the affair would begin on January 6, 1964, at noon and that it would last until January 8, 1964, at noon. King suggested that it would cost approximately \$2,500 for the retreat, and he stated that he feels the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) treasury cannot handle it at this time. Jones agreed with this and said that this is something the Gandhi Society can and should do. King suggested that Jones discuss this with Wachtel in order to get his views. King repeated that he would like to have Jones and Wachtel come, and he remarked that even if they brought their wives it would be a good break for a day or two.

Jones mentioned to King that arguments before the United States Supreme Court in regard to the "libel case" are scheduled for January 6, 1964. He also mentioned that the arguments involve "The New York Times" and the individual defendants who signed "the ad". Jones told King that William P. Rogers, the former Attorney General, and Sam Pierce are doing the oral argument and that Harry and himself were counsel and would be advising them during the argument.

Jones told King that he had been contacted by a representative of a Federal Agency who spoke to him about Arthur Kinoy's relationship with the SCLC, and Jones said that he told him he knew nothing about it. Jones said he mentioned that Kinoy was just an attorney with whom he had worked at one time. Jones said that the questions "assumed an organizational link which does not exist". King commented that "it is very important for us to clear that up because there is no connection other than indirectly through Bill". King reminded Jones that "we made the decision on that - how we would deal with it".

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Jones left instructions with his secretary, Jo Ann Mc Cloud, to contact Joan Daves, the publishers representative, and Miss Hermine Popper (ph), to tell them about the meeting on Friday.

Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison for the purpose of informing him about the meeting with King on December 20, 1953. It was agreed that Levison and Jones would meet at Levison's office to have a discussion before the meeting with King and then proceed from there to the airport. Levison mentioned that Hermine has all of the material with the exception of that which King has himself.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Harry H. Wachtel is the Special Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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a rally was held on October 24, 1962,
sponsored by the New York Council to
Abolish the House Un-American Activities
Committee at the Manhattan Center, 34th
Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City.
William Kunstler spoke at the rally and
told the audience that the House Committee
on Un-American Activities (HCUA) interferes
with social progress and the brotherhood
of man. Kunstler called for the abolition
of the HCUA.

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had had the "Daily Worker" delivered to his
home in Port Chester, New York.

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The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast
Communist newspaper which suspended
publication on January 13, 1953.

William Kunstler is on the Board of
Directors of the Gandhi Society For
Human Rights.

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The book mentioned above is one which is
being written regarding Martin Luther
King's experiences in the civil rights
struggle in Birmingham, Alabama. The
title of the book is "Why We Can't Wait"
and is being published by New American
Library for World Literature, 501 Madison
Avenue, New York City.

Characterizations of the National Lawyers
Guild and the New York Council to Abolish
the House Un-American Activities Committee
are attached.

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue
of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1,
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Assails A Leader of March". The article
stated that, in answer to charges by Senator
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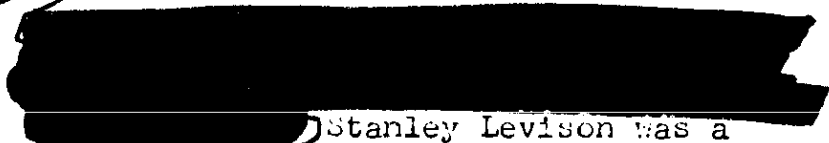
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Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

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Stanley Levison was a
secret member of the Communist Party,
United States of America (CPUSA).

Governor Patterson of Alabama filed a
one million dollar libel suit against
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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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APPENDIX

NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH
THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1962, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

A third source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a *modus vivendi* the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA" (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and co-ordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

Various sources have advised during March, 1962, that Communist Party (CP) members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

On May 6, 1963, the first source advised that the NYCAHUAC continues to function from its office at 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

All sources mentioned in this report are reliable and active in the field.

RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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1 - Mr. Denz

To: SAC, New York (100-151548)

From: Director, FBI (100-3-116)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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Reurairtel and letterhead memorandum 12/10/63 which indicated Martin Luther King had an appointment to meet with Governor Nelson Rockefeller, New York, 12/11/63.

You are instructed to promptly advise the Bureau and interested offices of all available data pertaining to preparatory arrangements made for this appointment, as well as information indicating whether King actually met with Governor Rockefeller on 12/11/63. If the meeting took place, include in your response any information received pertaining to matters discussed during this meeting. It is imperative that no action be taken which would make King aware of any coverage and absolutely no action be taken that could cause embarrassment to the Bureau.

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TO DIRECTOR, SACS CHICAGO, ATLANTA, WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM SAC, DETROIT /157-442/

APPEARANCE OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., AT WESTERN
MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, KALAMAZOO, MICH., TWELVE EIGHTEEN LAST.
RACIAL MATTERS.

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SPOKE BEFORE APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN
HUNDRED PEOPLE AT FIELD HOUSE, WMU, KALAMAZOO, TWELVE EIGHTEEN LAST.
NO PICKETING OR INCIDENTS OCCURED.

KING DEPARTED KALAMAZOO AT TEN TWENTYTWO PM VIA NORTH
CENTRAL AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT ONE SIX SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE
CHICAGO NINE FIFTYFIVE PM C.S.T. HE INDICATED HE WILL SPEND NIGHT IN
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Detroit, Michigan

December 13, 1963

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Appearance of Reverend
Martin Luther King, Jr.
at Western Michigan
University, Kalamazoo,
Michigan, December 18, 1963

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[REDACTED] advised that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.
will speak in the Herbert W. Read Field House at Western
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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586) (P)

RE: MARTIN LUTHER⁰ KING, JR.
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Re Bureau letter to Atlanta dated 12/11/63.

A review of Atlanta files shows no one by the name of DAVIS working in any capacity for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., or his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The Secretary of SCLC is listed as FRED SHUTTLESWORTH and the Personal Secretary of KING is DORA MC DONALD.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION
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 (1 - 100-158790) (BAYARD RUSTIN)
 (1 - 157-970) (MARCH ON WASHINGTON)
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On December 6, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Bayard Rustin mentioned, on that date; he was trying to raise some money for Rachelle Horowitz, who was transportation director for the March on Washington. He said that Horowitz is supposed to go to Mississippi to do a job for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. Rustin mentioned he was trying to raise \$1,000 to pay for her expenses. Rustin indicated that the job, which he considered to be an important one, involved the Negro vote in the South and required the skill which Horowitz has. Rustin also mentioned that the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee wants to make Rachelle Horowitz assistant director of their training program and voter registration in the South. Rustin mentioned that by having her work down there she can supply them information on the day to day operation down there which would be impossible to get in any other way. Rustin said that Horowitz knows the kind of information that he wants since she helped him write speeches for (Martin Luther) King and (A. Philip) Randolph.

According to the source, Rachelle Horowitz told Rustin that she wants the files moved out of the March on Washington Headquarters, and Rustin replied that they were

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closing down around Christmas time. Horowitz said she is leaving next week and wants to straighten them out and get them into a secure place before she leaves. Tom Kahn replied, "The longer we wait and word gets around that we are closing down you are going to have F.B.I. people in there". Kahn further stated, "I don't want the Eastland Committee to subpoena the files". Rustin agreed that some arrangements will have to be made and that the files would probably be moved to Tom's place.

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1953, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned, "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941, after the Nazi attack on Russia.

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3. Philip Randolph is a Vice President of the American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), and is President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. He was Director of the March on Washington.

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The March on Washington, which took place in Washington, D.C., on August 28, 1963, was a civil rights demonstration.

A characterization of the Young Socialist League (YSL) is attached to this memorandum.

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1. APPENDIX

YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL)

The March 1, 1954, issue of the "Young Socialist Challenge", published as page three of "Labor Action", an official publication of the Independent Socialist League (ISL), contained an article concerning the creation of the YSL, which pointed out that at a unity conference occurring February 12-14, 1954, at Labor Action Hall, New York, New York, a merger occurred between the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) and the Socialist Youth League (SYL). The new organization was named the YSL.

A confidential informant on June 15, 1954, made available the minutes of the YSL's National Action Committee meeting of April 13, 1954, which reflected that one S. SITEMAN, "Chairman of the SP (Socialist Party) Youth Committee", had objected to a statement appearing in "Commerce", a New York University journal, which indicated that the YPSL merged with the SYL to form the YSL. He explained that the YPSL did not merge with anyone, that it continued to exist as the youth section of the Socialist Party. He explained that a small group of the YPSL was dropped, expelled, or suspended from that organization and joined the SYL, which he characterized as the youth group of the "Trotskyite ISL". He explained that after these few former members of the YPSL joined the SYL, the SYL then proceeded to change its name for its own purposes.

On April 9, 1956, another confidential informant advised as follows:

The YSL has frequently worked in close sympathetic cooperation with the ISL toward similar objectives, although each major issue given mutual consideration is decided upon by these organizations individually. The YSL serves as an apprenticeship for the ISL, but ISL selection of members from YSL ranks is made on an individual and personal basis. In many instances YSL members are also members of the ISL.

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YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL) CONT'D

The YSL and ISL utilize the same printing house in New York City and the YSL publication is printed as an insert in "Labor Action". Frequently, lecturers before the YSL are ISL members.

The September 22, 1958, issue of "Young Socialist Challenge", which appeared as page five of "Labor Action", contained an undated statement from the National Action Committee of the YSL which indicated that the YSL had been dissolved. The statement appeared under the caption "Join the Young Peoples Socialist League".

The YPSL is publicly known as the youth affiliate of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation.

All sources mentioned above have furnished reliable information in the past.

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(1 - 100-437828) (HARRY WACHTEL)
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On December 8, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Harry Wachtel on that date. Wachtel mentioned that he had read a copy of the "Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Newsletter", and he said that it appears as though Bill Kunstler is writing it. Jones said that many people are upset because of the fact that (Arthur) Kinoy says he is the trial counsel for the SCLC. Both Jones and Wachtel agreed that they need to have a long conference with King because nothing can be accomplished without King's cooperation. Wachtel made the observation that King is more interested in talking on the telephone than in doing anything. Jones said to meet King in Atlanta would be useless because he would "be too busy making out he was busy". Wachtel suggested the possibility of the three of them, Jones, King and Wachtel, meeting in Washington, D.C., sometime in the future. Jones and Wachtel agreed that King does not have any ideas, and that they might be able to give him a few. Wachtel stated if they could only get King by himself for four hours they might be able to accomplish something.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for
the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15
East 40th Street, New York City.

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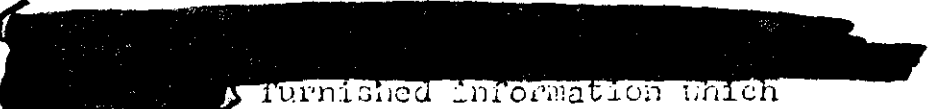
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New York, New York
December 9, 1963

Re: Communist Party,
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Internal Security - C

Stanley B. Levison
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 6, 1963, that Stanley Levison, on that date, was in contact with his brother, Roy Bennett. Levison stated that he had accidentally met Martin Luther King in New York City on the day that King met with the President. Levison said he was getting into a taxicab when King recognized him. He related that they had a "long minute's discussion" about King's meeting with the President.

Levison also commented that King is a poorly read man who probably has not looked at a book in 20 years. Levison stated that he had to tell King to write a letter to President Kennedy at the time of the Cuban crisis complimenting him for giving orders to his staff not to consider the outcome of the Cuban crisis as an American or Allied victory. Levison said King did write this letter.

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SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
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STANLEY D. LEVISON
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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 11/22/63.

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[REDACTED] all of Washington, Ga.,
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physician, is a native of Washington, Ga., and his wife's name
is [REDACTED], who has had nothing to do with the subject
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 - (1-100-439612) (WILLIAM KUNSTLER)
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On November 26, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones said on that date he thinks the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Gandhi Society will be held on December 10, 1963. He said that the meeting will be at the home of Harry Wachtel and will start at 8:00 p.m.

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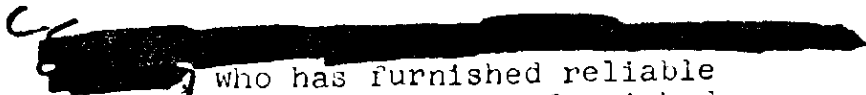
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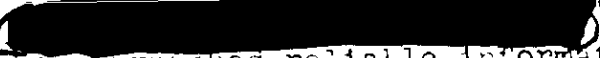
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On December 5, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Bayard Rustin contacted Martin Luther King on that date. Rustin, explaining why he did not send some documents to King, stated that there was a great deal of conflict and that he did not want to get King involved in it. Rustin said that it was clear to him that Roy's (Wilkins) "objective was to close down the March on Washington" (office) and he said that when he learned that Phil (A. Phil Randolph) was not prepared to put up a fight about it, he (Rustin) did not want King calling Roy. Rustin stated he did not want King to be pushed out on a limb when (James) Farmer and the rest of them were not going to do anything." Rustin indicated that there had been a vote and that "we were supposed to be working on this legislation." In regard to this, Rustin said he had gotten "the stuff" and sent some of it to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Rustin said, "But by the time it got out Roy then wanted the whole business done under the leadership conference. So I just decided that the better thing to do was just let that rest and not make a fight about it, because it's a fight nobody could win when the other boys were just going to let Roy have his way as they always do."

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King, when asked by Rustin if he was going to Kenya, said that he had given up the idea. Rustin indicated that he did not intend to go either. ~~SECRET~~

Rustin, informed King that on December 13, 1963, at 8:00 PM Senator (Joseph) Clark and "a couple of other intellectuals" are speaking at a conference in New York on Peace, Civil Rights, and Labor. Rustin stated that it is being put on by a "bunch of intellectuals up here under 'Turn Toward Peace'." Rustin said that they would like to have King speak at this affair. Rustin told him that he would get \$500.00 for himself, not for the SCLC, if he would speak. King stated he would have to review his schedule before making a decision. Rustin made arrangements with King to contact him later in the day at the office of Turn Toward Peace. ~~SECRET~~

Rustin said that the affair on December 13, 1963, would be held at the Carnegie Center, "that UN Center." He also stated that they wanted him to speak on the relationship between civil rights and peace or on peace as King sees it. Rustin offered to help King "by jotting down a few things." ~~SECRET~~

Roy Wilkins is Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The March on Washington, which took place in Washington, D.C., on August 28, 1963, was a civil rights demonstration.

A. Philip Randolph was the Director of the March on Washington and is a Vice-President of the AFL-CIO.

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James Farmer is National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality.

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1953, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March." The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941, after the Nazi attack on Russia.

The YSL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League was one of eight non-Communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

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File No.

New York, New York
December 4, 1963

Bu 100-3-116

Communist Party, United States of America
Negro Question
Communist Influence in Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On November 30, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison on that date. Levison asked if Martin Luther King had been invited to the White House, and he said that it is very important that King get such an invitation. Levison said that King must not do or say anything which "will compromise" his position of non-violence. Levison advised that the (civil rights) movement can not rely on Roy Wilkins alone, and he said the administration will be hurt in the next election if they do not give King "a play". Levison said that he thinks this is being done on purpose, and that King must react to it. Jones asked if Levison had received the clipping. Levison replied that he had read it, and he said it is terrible inasmuch as it reads as though King was still in contact with Jack. Jones said he would contact King immediately.

Roy Wilkins is Executive Secretary
of the National Association For
Advancement of Colored People.

[On November 30, 1963, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Martin Luther King. King advised that he is to meet with the President on Tuesday, December 3, 1963. King advised that a meeting was held last Thursday in which it was discussed that he, King, should have a meeting with the President. King advised that he was hurt because he had not been invited to the funeral, and he stated that "Roy's (Wilkins) ego was hurt because he was not invited". King mentioned that it looks bad to have civil

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rights leaders meet the President individually instead of in a group because it will look like the movement is dis-organized. King said he read the "clippings from the Long Island Express" and said that he "was horrified". Jones suggested that King should meet with the Attorney General in regard to this. Jones said he felt that the timing of the article was on purpose and that this dealt with an issue which could compromise King's position. Jones advised that if King remains silent "implications from this will flow". Jones said that a great deal of thought went into the article and suggested that possibly "it is a trial balloon". King mentioned he thought it was a little early to talk to the Attorney General, but he said that he might talk to him next week. King said if there were any truth in the article why did Louis Martin (Vice Chairman of the Democratic National Committee in Washington, D.C.) confer with him (King). Jones said that other people are also saying things which are reflecting on King's character. King indicated that there are people who have said that he, King, "has pocketed \$100,000". Jones said he can not understand the attitude of these people inasmuch as "you (King) have taken the extreme left-wing position on many issues and now they attack you as being a tool of big money". King said that he will meet Jones and Harry Wachtel at the Washington, D.C. Airport to discuss what he will say to the President. King said he is meeting with the President at 11:30 A.M. on December 3, 1963. King indicated he will fly back to New York City with Jones and Wachtel, and he said that he will fly to Washington from Michigan where he is to give a speech on December 2, 1963.

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The "Long Island Press" of November 25, 1963, on Page 9, contains an article written by Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott captioned "RMK Faces Two Politically Explosive Decisions Involving Negroes" datelined Washington. In this article it was stated that Attorney General Robert Kennedy faces two explosive decisions involving important Negro leaders that could have a far-reaching political impact. According to the article, it was stated that as the government's chief prosecutor, Attorney General Kennedy must decide whether to prosecute one of the highest Negro state officials in the country for failing to file income tax returns. The Internal Revenue Service, according to the article, has forwarded its recommendations to the Justice Department after a six month investigation of this tax case.

It was further stated that the Attorney General must soon pass on whether to permit Democratic National Committee officials to work closely with a Negro leader, who is known by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be linked with a Soviet agent, in a massive drive to register Negro voters throughout the country. According to the article, this case "which involves evidence obtained by tapping telephones, puts the Attorney General on the spot since the Negro leader has been in close contact with both the White House and the Justice Department in the past". It was suggested that if the Attorney General orders a break with this Negro leader, he (the Negro leader) "could throw a monkey-wrench into Democratic plans to register more than one million Negro voters by next year's presidential election".

Continuing, the article stated that "if this close association isn't ended, the new administration faces public disclosures of this individual's RED ties in the midst of the coming congressional debate on civil rights legislation."

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[REDACTED] Stanley Levison was
a secret member of the Communist
Party, United States of America

With respect to the name Jack
which was mentioned by Stanley
Levison as a possible contact
of King, it is to be noted
that Hunter Pitts O'Dell who
uses the name Jack O'Dell was
formerly administrator of the
New York Office of the Southern
Christian Leadership Conference
(SCLC), and was associated with
King in this capacity. S

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Clarence Jones is the General
Counsel for the Gandhi Society
For Human Rights, 15 East 40th
Street, New York City.

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pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Harry H. Wachtel is the Special
Counsel for the Gandhi Society
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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117 April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Date: 12/3/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-42116) (P)

CP, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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ReNYtels 12/2/63 advising that MARTIN LUTHER KING would be in Washington, D.C. 12/3/63 to meet with President JOHNSON and prior to meeting would confer with CLARENCE JONES and HARRY WACHTEL. ReAttel 12/2/63. RewFotel call to Bureau 12/3/63.

SAs [REDACTED] observed the following on 12/3/63 at the Statler Hilton Hotel, 16th and K Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.:

At 9:50 a.m., CLARENCE JONES and unsub white male, believed to be HARRY WACHTEL, entered Statler Hilton Lobby. JONES utilized hotel house phone while individual believed to be WACHTEL appeared to look cautiously about the hotel lobby. Upon completion of call, the two individuals immediately entered hotel elevator which took them to an upper floor.

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(1 - 100-407018) (JONES)
(1 - 100-106670) (KING)
2 - Atlanta (100-6520) (RM)
3 - New York (100-151543) (RM)
(1 - 100-73250) (JONES)
(1 - 100-136585) (KING)
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At 11:14 a.m., MARTIN LUTHER KING, CLARENCE JONES, individual believed to be HARRY WACHTEL, and unsub Negro, possibly BERNARD LEE, all exited from hotel elevator. All individual walked together through hotel lobby. While walking through lobby, the name "CLYDE" was mentioned. The group exited Statler Hilton Hotel on K St., N.W. JONES was overheard to state that he was going to "the office", and entered a taxi alone. KING and unsub Negro, possibly BERNARD LEE, entered another taxi. Both taxis departed area. Individual believed to be HARRY WACHTEL walked north on 16th St. and west on L St., N.W., and entered building in 1700 block of L St., N.W.

SAs [REDACTED] b7(c)
[REDACTED] observed the following on 12/3/63 at the National Airport:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, individual believed to be HARRY WACHTEL, and Negro possibly BERNARD LEE, boarded Eastern Airlines shuttle flight departing 2 p.m., and arriving LaGuardia at 3:07 p.m. An unsub Negro accompanied the group to National Airport; however, he did not board plane with other individuals.

New York cognizant.

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TO DIRECTOR -5- 100-3-116 AND SAC WFO
FROM SAC NEW YORK 100-151548

CP, USA- NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS, IS- C.

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b(7)(D) [REDACTED] FURNISHED INFORMATION ON TWELVE
AND SIXTY THREE MARTIN LUTHER KING ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON, DC, IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT TONIGHT AND WILL BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME BERNARD
LEE WHO IS KING-S ASSISTANT AT THE STATLER HILTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC.
KING IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE CONFERENCE WITH CLARENCE JONES AND HARRY
WACHTEL AT EIGHT THIRTY AM. WACHTEL AND JONES PLAN TO DEPART FROM
NEW YORK VIA SHUTTLE SERVICE TONIGHT EXACT TIME NOT KNOWN. THEIR
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NOT KNOWN.

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Date 12/2/63

This information is additional to that previously received in Atlanta teletype today. Suggest it be included in oral briefing given Walter Jenkins at White House by DeLoach.



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FROM SAC NEW YORK 100-151548 2P

CPUSA, NEGRO QUESTION., COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS.,
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FURNISHED INFORMATION ON NOV.

THIRTY, SIXTYTHREE, MARTIN LUTHER KING HAS APPOINTMENT TO MEET
WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON ON DEC. THREE, SIXTYTHREE, AT ELEVEN THIRTY
AM. KING PLANS TO MEET CLARENCE JONES AND HARRY WACHTEL AT WASHINGTON
AIRPORT PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT IN ORDER TO DISCUSS
WHAT HE WILL SAY TO THE PRESIDENT. KING, JONES AND WACHTEL TO FLY BACK
TO NEW YORK CITY AFTER MEETING. JONES INDICATED HE WILL FLY TO
WASHINGTON VIA EASTERN AIRLINES SHUTTLE SERVICE, EXACT TIME NOT
KNOWN.

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JONES CONTACTED STANLEY LEVISON ON THAT DATE. LEVISON ASKED IF KING
HAD BEEN INVITED TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND SAID IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT.

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KING GET SUCH AN INVITATION. LEVISON SAID KING MUST NOT DO OR SAY ANYTHING WHICH WILL COMPROMISE HIS POSITION OF NON- VIOLENCE. LEVISON ADVISED THE MOVEMENT CANNOT RELY ON ROY WILKINS ALONE, AND HE SAID THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE HURT IN THE NEXT ELECTION IF THEY DO NOT GIVE KING A PLAY. LEVISON SAID HE THINKS THIS IS BEING DONE ON PURPOSE AND KING MUST REACT TO IT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FURNISHED FURTHER INFORMATION ON NOV. THIRTY, SIXTYTHREE, JONES CONTACTED KING ON THAT DATE. KING ADVISED HE WAS HURT BECAUSE HE HAD NOT BEEN INVITED TO THE FUNERAL AND STATED ROY-S /WILKINS/ EGO WAS HURT BECAUSE HE WAS NOT INVITED. KING MENTIONED IT LOOKS BAD TO HAVE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS MEET THE PRESIDENT INDIVIDUALLY INSTEAD OF IN A GROUP BECAUSE IT WILL LOOK LIKE THE MOVEMENT IS DISORGANIZED.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS.

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

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M. CUCLEY
By [Signature] Time 4:14 PM

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151543)
SUBJECT: CP USA, NEGRO QUESTION
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a letterhead memorandum dated 11/27/63.

Sources used in the letterhead memorandum are as
follows:

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There is not sufficient information in the files
of the NYO to characterize the New American Library of
World Literature, 501 Madison Ave., NYC.

However, it is to be noted that file 71-747 does
pertain to this publisher. It is captioned "The New American
Library of World Literature, Inc., 501 Madison Ave., NYC,
Unauthorized use of FBI". This involved the publication

- 5 - Bureau (Bcls. 10) (RM)
 (1 - 100-407013) (CLARENCE JONES)
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of a book entitled "The FBI In Action" by KEN JONES. The publisher was contacted and a protest was lodged with respect to the unauthorized use of the initials FBI in violation of Public Law 670.

NY file 71-683 and Bufile 71-3352, pertain to "New American Library of World Literature, Inc., Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter". This involved a book entitled "The Prettiest Girl in Town".

It is also to be noted that a review of cancelled checks and bank statements of the Four Continent Book Corp. reflected the name The New American Library, 501 Madison Ave., in 1955 and 1956.

This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

November 27, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bureau 100-3-116

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Re: Communist Party, United
States of America, Negro
Question Communist Influence
in Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On November 26, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on that date that Clarence Jones stated there has been a delay on the book which Martin Luther King is writing. According to Jones the delay has occurred due to the change in the Presidency. It was indicated that the title of the book is "Why He Can't Wait" and that it is being published by New American Library for World Literature, 501 Madison Avenue, New York City.

The book referred to above is one which is being written regarding Martin Luther King's experiences in the civil rights struggle in Birmingham, Alabama.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel
for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,
15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The LYL has been designated pursuant
to Executive Order 10450.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: Civil Rights Section,
General Investigative Division

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-442) (C)

RE: APPEARANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
AT WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY,
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN, 12/2/63
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Detroit teletype 12/2/63.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memo
pertaining to the scheduled appearance of MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR. at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich., on
12/2/63.

A copy of this letterhead memo is being designated
for G-2, Detroit.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Detroit, Michigan
December 3, 1963

APPEARANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR., AT WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY,
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN, DECEMBER 2, 1963

[REDACTED], advised on December 2, 1963 that Martin Luther King, Jr. telephonically advised a university official on December 2, 1963, that because of illness he was unable to travel to Kalamazoo to speak at Western Michigan University on December 2, 1963. Sheeler advised that King's speech has not been rescheduled. b7(D)

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December 2, 1963

[Redacted]

New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear [Redacted]

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DATE 1/15/80 BY SP4 [Redacted]

Your letter of November 22nd, with enclosure, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I would like to point out, however, that Mr. Karl Prussion has never been a Special Agent of this Bureau although he did furnish information to the FBI on a confidential basis. His statements and activities are his own. He does not represent this Bureau in any way. I regret that I am unable to be of help but trust you will understand.

The leaflet you enclosed is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles contain no further identifying information regarding correspondent although we have had prior correspondence with him. The last communication was in November, 1962, when he wrote inquiring about the film "Manchurian Candidate" and stated that he thought that it should be looked into. His enclosure, which was returned, was a copy of a leaflet bearing the photograph of Martin Luther King at an alleged communist training school conducted by the Highlander Folk School. This has come to attention on numerous prior occasions. Note continued next page.

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- Belmont
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Karl Prussion was a security informant of the San Francisco Office and was discontinued in 1958 after he disclosed his informant status to newspapermen. (61-9152)

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

November 22, 1963

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Enclosed please find a leaflet concerning Martin Luther King. It is an incriminating article and I feel, that the American people are entitled to the truth, so that they may judge for themselves and act accordingly. Although I myself am engaged in and believe in the Conservative movement, I nevertheless do not want to be lied to or tricked into wrong action. I therefore ask the following questions:

- (1) Is the picture a fake in any way?
- (2) Was the school used for Communist training?
- (3) Was Karl Prussian a counterspy for the F B I ?
- (4) Does or did Martin Luther King belong to 60 Communist-front organizations?
- (5) If so, can you name those organizations or at least some of them?
- (6) To the best of your knowledge, are there any false statements at all on said enclosed leaflet?

I know, due to the position you hold, that you do not have the freedom of expression the ordinary citizen has. But I am not asking for opinions. I am only asking for the facts, the plain simple truth, so that I may govern my actions accordingly. Surely the conscientious patriotic American, who is only trying to do his part in helping his country, should have some dependable source of information from which he can derive the truth. Since I have such a high regard for your organization and for you in particular, Mr. Hoover, I have chosen you for my source of truth. Please do not let me down.

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Very respectfully yours,

New Brunswick, N.J.

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November 29, 1963

Spokane, Washington

Dear [REDACTED]

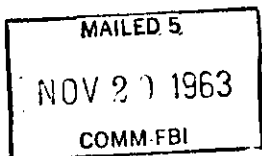
Your letter of November 22, 1963, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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SPOKANE, WASH.

November 22, 1963

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To whom it may concern:

A situation arose in my congregation which has given me some concern. It regards some literature and pronouncements issued by our synodical offices, The American Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn, encouraging positive attitudes and action in the Civil Rights issue. Included have been favorable comments toward Rev. Martin Luther King.

Certain individuals have taken strong exception to this literature. Having identified Mr. King with Communism they are now transferring this identification also to officials of The American Lutheran Church because of their "endorsement" of Mr. King and the Civil Rights Movement.

Therefore I am requesting as much information as possible concerning Mr. King's activities, past and present, which either definitely associate him with or definitely disassociate him from the Communist Party. I would assume that the Civil Rights cause would be a fertile area for Communist intervention and so could bring Mr. King into frequent, albeit uninvited contacts with Communist interests. However I would hope that there is positive evidence which would clarify Mr. King's relationship with Communism or, on the other, B

My purpose in using the information which I request is:

1. If the charges that Mr. King is a Communist are substantiated, then this matter must be called to the attention of the officials of The American Lutheran Church. Positive evidence must be supplied so that their future literature and pronouncements may be issued with more discretion.
2. If the charges that Mr. King is a Communist are false, then those who are making vehement charges and arousing situations such as occurred in this congregation must be given authoritative evidence which can persuade them to desist.

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Requesting your prompt attention to this matter I remain:

Sincerely,

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1125

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1126

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Subject JUNE MAIL *Dr Martin Luther King Jr* SEE NEXT PAGE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Atlanta teletype, 11/25/63, and Bureau airtel, 11/27/63, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are copies of three articles appearing in the "New York Times", "New York Post", and "New York Herald Tribune" of 11/27/63.

The enclosed articles reflect that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and ROY WILKINS were the main speakers and recipients of awards at the Freedom House annual awards dinner held at the Waldorf Astoria, 11/26/63.

In his address, KING said that the President was the victim of "a morally inclement climate", which he described as a climate of violence and hatred. He called for a continuation of President KENNEDY's civil rights program and said that "Civil rights will remain the dominant domestic issue".

- 4 - Bureau (100-3-116) (Encls. 3) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-5543) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-151548) (414)

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Sources of the New York Office, which are close to the racial situation in the New York area, reported no pertinent information concerning KING's participation in the Freedom House annual awards dinner.

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BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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SUBJECT: CP USA, NEGRO QUESTION
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 11/27/63.

Sources used in the letterhead memorandum are as follows:

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There is not sufficient information in the files of the NYO to characterize the New American Library of World Literature, 501 Madison Ave., NYC.

However, it is to be noted that NY file 71-747 does pertain to this publisher. It is captioned "The New American Library of World Literature, Inc., 501 Madison Ave., NYC, Unauthorized Use of 'FBI'". This involved the publication

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of a book entitled "The FBI In Action" by KEN JONES. The publisher was contacted and a protest was lodged with respect to the unauthorized use of the initials FBI in violation of Public Law 670.

NY file 71-683 and Bufile 71-3362, pertain to "New American Library of World Literature, Inc., Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter". This involved a book entitled "The Prettiest Girl in Town".

It is also to be noted that a review of cancelled checks and bank statements of the Four Continent Book Corp. reflected the name The New American Library, 501 Madison Ave., in 1955 and 1956.

This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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ReNYteletype, 11/24/63.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 11/27/63, and one copy is enclosed for Atlanta.

follows:

Sources used in the letterhead memorandum are as

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1-Atlanta (100-5586) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bu 100-3-116

New York, New York
November 27, 1963

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Negro Question
Communist Influence in
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on November 22, 1963, which indicated that Clarence Jones was contacted by Stanley Levison on that date. They discussed the death of the President. They agreed that President Lyndon Johnson is about the best one could expect from the South and that he will most likely carry out the President's policies on foreign affairs and civil rights.

Levison stated that this (the assassination of the President) was the result of the right wing disposition to civil rights and foreign policy.

Jones said that he would have to contact Martin Luther King soon in regard to a statement which King will have to issue. Levison advised him to make sure to emphasize to King that this killing was a result of the political reaction of the right wing and that the United States is coming to the

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Re: Communist Party,
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point of rule by assassination as in South America. Levison told Jones that King should say that President Kennedy's foreign policies must be carried out

This same source furnished information on November 22, 1963, which indicated that Clarence Jones engaged in conversation with Martin Luther King on that date. The assassination of the President was discussed and the possibility of comments from King being requested. Jones said that there are three points to be made: That this is the work of a crazy man, that for a period of time there has been this violence and lawlessness against the Negro, and that he (the President) did seek a shift to a more progressive foreign policy. It was indicated that the first statement would be short and that this would be followed by a more detailed statement which would be "definitive."

On November 23, 1963, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Dora McDonald, secretary to Martin Luther King, on that date. Jones told her that he has a statement which King wanted to get from him for "The Herald Tribune." Jones said he thinks that the title is supposed to be "The Implications For Civil Rights From President Kennedy's Death," but Jones said that King could put whatever title he was asked to put on it. Jones gave the statement to McDonald. It decries the loss of a leader who had the courage to be a friend of civil rights. It went on to state that the murder of the

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President, regardless of the precise identity of the assassin, occurred "in a context of violence and hatred which have been boiling up in our nation for the past several years."

Continuing, it compares this assassination to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, pointing out that even though Lincoln was succeeded by a Vice-President of Southern origin, who had neither the experience nor the passion of Lincoln, the reconstruction moved forward in spite of this and that the transition from physical slavery was carried through because the forces which had generated the change were too powerful to be turned back.

The statement alleged that later Negroes suffered a setback in being denied full freedom and equality, but that "different elements" were responsible for this. It went on to state that the Negro protest became a Negro revolution in the summer of last year, and that it will not dissolve now because it was not a product of one man or one leader. Continuing, the statement indicated that King met President Lyndon Johnson, while he was Vice-President, and that King felt that Johnson had a statesman-like grasp on the problem and that King thinks Johnson will realize that civil rights is not one of several issues but is the dominant domestic issue and that guided by a correct appraisal of realities Johnson is equipped to be effective in getting Congressional results. According to the statement, the civil rights movement will not be stopped until its demands are fulfilled. At the close, Jones suggested that King paraphrase part of Lincoln's Gettysburg address to state that the living should go on so that the dead shall not have died in vain, and he suggested a quote from one of President Kennedy's speeches to the effect that those who do nothing invite shame as well as violence, while those who act boldly are recognizing right as well as reality.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel
for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,
15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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Stanley Levison was a
secret member of the Communist Party,
United States of America.

The "New York Herald Tribune" of Sunday,
November 24, 1963, on page 13, column three, contains an article
captioned, "An Appreciation of Kennedy: Dr. King and Wilkins
on Rights." This article was written in two parts; one
written by Martin Luther King and the other by Roy Wilkins, of
the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
(NAACP). The article written by King indicated that in a
period of change, the nation has lost a leader who was
unafraid of change. It said that he (President Kennedy)

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had the courage to be a friend of civil rights and a stalwart. King said that it is sad commentary on our time that it took a brave man to be a leader for those human necessities. King stated in the article, "The murder of the President, regardless of the precise identity of the assassin, occurred in a context of violence and hatred that has been building up in our nation for the past several years." King mentioned "We have seen children murdered in church, men shot down in ambush in a manner so similar to the assassination of President Kennedy that we must face the fact that we are dealing with a social disease that can be neglected or avoided, as we have done only to our deadly peril." King said the tragic fact must be faced that President Kennedy was the victim of developments that have made violence and hatred a popular pastime in all too many quarters of our nation. It was indicated that many people will ask the question of whether the assassination of President Kennedy will mean an inevitable setback for the cause of civil rights. In answer to this question, King said, "When Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, he was succeeded by a Vice-President of Southern origin" and "his successor had neither the experience nor the passion of Lincoln." King stated in the article that "the reconstruction movement ended and the release from physical slavery was carried through because the forces which had generated that change were too powerful to be turned back." He stated that "later Negroes suffered a setback in being denied full freedom and equality, but different elements were responsible. It was also indicated in the statement that the Negroes will continue their movement for civil rights, and it was stated, "It will not dissolve, because it was not a protest of one man, or one leader, but a genuine movement of millions whose long patience had run out."

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King stated, "I had several meetings with President Johnson when he served as Vice-President," and King said, "I felt he had a statesman-like grasp of the problem and great political sagacity. I think he will realize that civil rights is not one of several issues, but is the dominant domestic issue."

In closing, King quoted from President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and used President Kennedy's words that "those who do nothing are inviting shame as well as violence. Those who act boldly are recognizing right as well as reality."

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FROM SAC, NEW YORK /100-136535/

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THIS STATEMENT DECRIES THE LOSS OF A LEADER WHO HAD THE COURAGE TO BE A FRIEND OF CIVIL RIGHTS, RECALLS QUOTES FROM A SPEECH BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND STATES THAT THE MURDER OF THE PRESIDENT, REGARDLESS OF THE IDENTITY OF THE ASSASSIN, OCCURRED "IN A CONTEXT OF VIOLENCE AND HATRED WHICH HAS BEEN BOILING UP IN OUR NATION FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS". IT STATES THAT THE NEGRO PROTEST BECAME A REVOLUTION LAST YEAR AND WILL NOT DISOLVE NOW. IT GOES ON TO STATE THAT KING MET PRESIDENT
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REGISTERED MAIL

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151543)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Enclosed herewith are copies of two articles taken from the "New York Post", 11/20/63, and from the "New York Journal American", 11/20/63. Both articles concern a speech given by Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. at Kiamasha Lake, N.Y., 11/19/63. At this affair he was presented an award by the United Synagogue of America for championing the cause of Negro Americans.

It is noted that KING "lashed out at Soviet Government attempts to 'liquidate the Jewish people in Russia'".

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Rev. King Assails Russia on Jews

The Rev. Martin Luther King has denounced a Soviet government attempt "to liquidate the Jewish people in Russia."

King, speaking at an Emancipation Proclamation Centennial observance at Kiamesha Lake, N. Y., last night, scored "the injustices, the indignities, and the humiliating experiences" facing Jews in Russia today.

The Negro integration leader, who urged his 1,600 listeners to help support passage of civil rights legislation, was given an award by the United Synagogue of America for championing the cause of Negro Americans.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

3 NEW YORK POST

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Rev. King Blasts Red Anti-Semitism

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., Nov. 20 (UPI).-- The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., described as an "illustrious American," last night lashed out at Soviet government attempts to "liquidate the Jewish people in Russia."

"The liquidation is something we must not allow," the head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference told delegates at the United Synagogue of America Golden Jubilee convention here.

Rev. King, who became the second man in the group's history to receive the special Solomon Schecter Award, thanked the Jews of America for their "aid and assistance" in the civil rights struggle and said the award not only honors him but all people who are struggling to "make the American dream a reality."

The award described Rev. King as "an illustrious American and distinguished servant of God."

He scored the "injustices, the indignities and humiliating experiences Jews in Russia face today."

"All life is interrelated and we are caught in an inescapable mutuality," Rev. King said, "and a wrong against one is a wrong against all."

Rev. King urged the 1,600 convention delegates to write their Congressmen and "use all the resources at your disposal" to press for passage this session of civil rights legislation now pending before Congress. He said the time is always "ripe to do right."

The integration leader said it is a "myth" that legislation cannot solve the civil rights problem.

The delegates earlier passed a resolution calling for Jews to take part in the Negroes' struggle for civil rights.

The award presented to Mr. King was named after Solomon Schecter, who founded the organization in 1913. The group is a conservative arm of American Judaism and now has about one and one-half million members in 778 congregations in the U.S. and Canada.

Former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman of New York was the only other recipient of the award.

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30 NEW YORK JOURNAL
AMERICAN

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RE:

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1175

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1166

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Re New York teletype to Bureau, 11/20/63.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 11/21/63. Enclosed herewith is a photograph of MARTIN LUTHER KING, STANLEY LEVISON and CLARENCE JONES, taken on 11/20/63, at the International Hotel.

The sources used in the letterhead memorandum are as follows:

- (6) - Bureau (100-3-116) (Encls. 13) (RM)
 (1 - 100-407018) (CLARENCE JONES)
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 (1 - 100-392452) (STANLEY LEVISON)
1 - Atlanta (100-) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Info) (Encls. 1) (RM)
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1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)
1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)
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The Agents who observed MARTIN LUTHER KING, CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON on 11/20/63, are [REDACTED]

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Indices of the NYO contain no information identifiable with BILLY ROWE, mentioned in the LHM. However, the following information was contained in New York files:

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[REDACTED] advised he believes BILLY ROWE, who operates a public relations firm in New York City, and who recently had JOE LOUIS, former boxing champ, as an executive in his firm to promote travel among American Negroes to Cuba, might have been instrumental in getting CASTRO and his group to go to the Hotel Theresa.

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[REDACTED] had no information to substantiate his belief; however, he said that BILLY ROWE, in the past, had been working hard to promote Negro interest in Cuba. He described ROWE as "immoral and no good".

NY 97-1763

This case is a Registration Act - Cuba case with the title, "JOE LOUIS, WILLIAM L. ROWE, aka Billy Rowe, LOUIS ROWE, FISHER AND LOCKHART ENTERPRISES, INC." There was an allegation that JOE LOUIS and BILLY ROWE were handling promotion for the "CASTRO Tourist Board".

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In all probability, the BILLY ROWE mentioned above is identical with the BILLY ROWE with whom JONES had contact, but due to the limited amount of identifying information, it was impossible to make a positive identification. New York will be alert for information in the future which will positively identify him.

b7(c) On 11/19/63, a physical surveillance was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at 165 Broadway, New York City, the office of CLARENCE JONES. HUNTER PITTS O'DELL was not observed on this date.

b(2) This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. These sources have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable positions of the informants in furnishing information of this nature.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

November 21, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-3-116

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Re: Communist Party, United States of
America, Negro Question
Communist Influence in Racial Matters
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[REDACTED] furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King was flying to New York City, New York, on that date and was proceeding from there to up-state New York where he was to fill a speaking engagement. According to the source, King was scheduled to return to New York City on the morning of November 20, 1963, for a brief layover before going to Chicago.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that, on that date, Stanley Levison was requested by a representative of the publishers of King's book to talk with King and Clarence Jones about the editing of the book. Levison agreed to this, adding that Jones does not have enough contact with King to determine what King's real complaints and desires are. *b7(D)*

[REDACTED] furnished information that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison on that date and that they discussed Martin Luther King's book. Jones said that King was not satisfied with editing job which had been done, and Jones suggested that they, Levison and Jones, would have to see King in order to get all of the problems straightened out even if it meant going to Atlanta, Georgia, to do it. *b7(D)*

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[REDACTED] furnished information that King contacted Jones on that date. Jones advised that he and "our friend" were planning to go down to Atlanta to meet with King in order to discuss the book. Jones said "the publisher is getting itchy", and Jones advised they do not want to get into the position where they would have to return the money to the publisher. King said he will not be in Atlanta on Thursday. According to the source, King will go to Chicago on November 20, 1963; to Danville, Virginia, on November 21, 1963; and to California on November 22, 1963. King indicated he might delay his flight to Chicago in order to discuss the matter.

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on November 20, 1963, that Clarence Jones and Stanley Levison would meet Martin Luther King at the International Hotel at Idlewild Airport on November 20, 1963, at 11:00 a.m. It was indicated that King would take a 3:00 p.m. flight to Chicago.

On November 20, 1963, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Martin Luther King and Bernard Lee, King's assistant, entering the International Hotel, Idlewild Airport, Queens, New York, at 10:43 a.m. Lee, after inquiring about a room in the hotel, registered and was given room 311. King and Lee took the elevator to the third floor. At 11:05 a.m., on November 20, 1963, Special Agents observed Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones entering the International Hotel where they made an inquiry at the desk and then proceeded to the third floor. At 2:40 p.m., on November 20, 1963, Special Agents observed King departing from the International Hotel in the company of Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones. Outside of the hotel, King and Lee entered a taxicab and Jones remarked King would have to hurry in order to get the three o'clock flight. Jones and Levison entered another taxicab.

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advised that on that date Stanley Levison told a representative of the publishers of King's book that he and Jones had met with King and that he, Levison, had brought up the questions that had been raised about the book. Levison said that King raised some objections to the questions presented and that he, Levison, would meet with the publishers' representative the next day where he would cover all that was discussed at the meeting with King.

[REDACTED] C furnished information that Ruth Bailey, an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in New York, was in contact with Clarence Jones on that date. She said that she wanted to discuss some rumors and propaganda which are being spread by the SCLC office in Atlanta. She felt that this could be harmful to the SCLC and that King should be notified of this immediately. He suggested they could discuss it in his office that afternoon. Bailey agreed and said she would bring Jack with her. b(1)

[REDACTED] C- who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 19, 1963, that on the evening of that date, Ruth Bailey commented that she had spent hours waiting to see Clarence Jones, but was not successful. She said she wants to see both Hunter Pitts O'Dell and Jones. b(1)

[REDACTED] C-b(1) furnished information that Clarence Jones had a conversation with Billy Rowe on that date. Jones said he had met with King that afternoon and had, among other things, discussed fund raising. Jones said he recommended Rowe for the job of fund raiser for King, and he said that King agreed to let Rowe run "the whole fund raising bit."

The book referred to above is one which is being written regarding Martin Luther King's experiences in the civil rights struggle in Birmingham, Alabama.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for
the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East
40th Street, New York City.

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Executive Order 10450.

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[REDACTED] Stanley
Levison was a secret member of the Communist
Party, United States of America.

It has been determined in the past that King and
Jones refer to Levison as "our friend."

Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who is also known as
Jack O'Dell, was formerly employed as administra-
tor for the Southern Christian Leadership
Conference.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, DETROIT /157-442/ 1-P

APPEARANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AT WESTERN MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY, KALAMAZOO, MICH., DEC. TWO INSTANT, RACIAL MATTERS.
RE DETROIT AIRTEL NOV. TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THIS DATE THAT MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED A UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL THIS
DATE THAT BECAUSE OF ILLNESS HE IS UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO KALAMAZOO,
MICH., TO SPEAK AT WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY THIS DATE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED KING/S SPEECH HAS NOT BEEN RESCHEDULED.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: August 30, 1963

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. Sullivan
 1 - Mr. D.E. Moore
 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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6076 Reference is made to the enclosed material on which the Director has written: "This memo reminds me vividly of those I received when Castro took over Cuba. You contended then that Castro and his cohorts were not Communists and not influenced by Communists. Time alone proved you wrong. I for one can't ignore the memos re King, O'Dell, Levison, Rustin, Hall et al as having only an infinitesimal effect on the efforts to exploit the American Negro by the Communists."

The Director is correct. We were completely wrong about believing the evidence was not sufficient to determine some years ago that Fidel Castro was not a communist or under communist influence. On investigating and writing about communism and the American Negro, we had better remember this and profit by the lesson it should teach us.

I do think that much of the difficulty relating to the memorandum rightly questioned by the Director is to be found centered in the word "influence." We do not have, and no Government agency or private organization has, any yardstick which can accurately measure "influence" in this particular context, even when we know it does exist such as in the case of the obvious influence of the concealed communist Stanley Levison over Martin Luther King and King's influence over other Negro leaders. Personally, I believe in the light of King's powerful demagogic speech yesterday he stands head and shoulders over all other Negro leaders put together when it comes to influencing great masses of Negroes. We must mark him now, if we have not done so before, as the most dangerous Negro of the future in this Nation from the standpoint of communism, the Negro and national security.

On determining membership of Negroes in the Communist Party, we are not confronted with the same problem. We do have here accurate yardsticks for establishing membership. Of course, our standards are very exacting. This means there are many Negroes who are fellow-travellers, sympathizers or who aid the Party, knowingly or unknowingly, but do not qualify as members. These we must not ignore. The old communist principle still holds: "Communism must be built with non-communist hands." Therefore, it may be unrealistic to limit ourselves as we have been doing to legalistic proof or definitely conclusive evidence

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that would stand up in testimony in court or before Congressional committees that the Communist Party, USA, does wield substantial influence over Negroes which one day could become decisive.

The memorandum which the Director penetratively questioned, while showing in the details the communist impact on Negroes, did suffer from such limitations. These limitations we will make every effort to lift in the future. The great amount of attention this Division is giving to communist activities directed toward the Negro should enable us to do this.

For example, here at the Seat of Government, the Negro - communist question takes up as a whole the time of one supervisor and during the past few weeks four men have been so occupied. Additionally, (1) specialized instructions are regularly given the field on communist infiltration of the Negro; (2) monographs have been written on the subject and widely disseminated; (3) regularly disseminated are memoranda and reports; (4) August 21, 1963, we devoted the entire Current Intelligence Analysis to the communist plans for the Negro March of August 28, 1963, (149 copies of this Analysis were disseminated to 44 agencies of the Government); (5) much material on the issue is given to Agents at In-Service; and (6) an SAC Letter is under preparation in this Division now giving the field the benefit of what we learned from the Negro March on Washington and issuing instructions for increased coverage of communist influence on the Negro.

As the memorandum pointed out, "this Nation is involved in a form of racial revolution and the time has never been so right for exploitation of the Negroes by communist propagandists." Nineteen million Negroes constitute the greatest single racial target of the Communist Party, USA. This is a sombre reality we must never lose sight of. We will do everything possible in the troubled future to develop for the Director all available facts relating to Negro membership in the Communist Party, plus the more complex and difficult to ascertain influence of communist organizations and officials over the leaders and masses of Negroes.

We regret greatly that the memorandum did not measure up to what the Director has a right to expect from our analysis.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, ATLANTA
FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 157-NEW 2P

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TIMES BUILDING, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AND THREAT TO LIFE OF
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING AND JIMM A. HOOD,
JUNE TWENTY ONE SIXTY THREE- BOMBING MATTERS.

AT THREE PM JUNE TWENTY FIVE, SIXTYTHREE, [REDACTED]

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A METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES NEWSPAPER FURNISHED LETTER WHICH
IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS COLON SIX DASH TWENTY ONE DASH SIXTY THREE
MR. PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. A NIGGER LOVER. I HAVE A OFFER
ON YOUR LIFE TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO DOLLARS. TO DEPOSE YOU.
BUT YOU HAVE TO MANY GUARDS. NEXT OFFER IS ON MR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO. NEXT OFFER MR. JIMM A. HOOD FIVE
ZERO ZERO ZERO. THIS IS MY WORK FOR MONEY YOU KILL. YOU KNOW
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AMERICAN INDIAN. KEEP IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS. THE NIGGERS HAVE SOME RIGHTS THE WHITES HAVE. ALL WE WANT THE NIGGERS STAY AWAY FROM WHITES PLACES. IF NOT BE TOO MANY KILLINGS. I GET MY MAN IF TAKES A YEAR. K. K. K. ENDQUOTE. ADDED TO BOTTOM OF LETTER IS FOLLOWING QUOTE LOS ANG -- S TIMES. I WANT YOU PRINT THIS COPY IN YOUR PAPER OR I PLACE BOMB IN YOUR BUILDING. END QUOTE. LETTER POSTMARKED VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA, EIGHT PM SIX DASH TWO ONE SIXTY THREE. ADDRESSED TO NICK WILLIAMS WHO IS THE EDITOR LOS ANGELES TIMES.

[REDACTED] STATED LETTER RECEIVED LOS ANGELES TIMES MAIL ROOM, NINE THIRTY AM SIX DASH TWENTY FOUR DASH SIXTY THREE, HANDLED BY NUMEROUS UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS AT LOS ANGELES TIMES AND RECEIVED BY HIM TWO PM ON JUNE TWENTY FIVE SIXTY THREE.

b7(c) AGENT [REDACTED] SECRET SERVICE, LOS ANGELES ADVISED THREE THIRTY FIVE PM JUNE TWO FIVE SIXTY THREE. ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH INTO, US ARMY, ADVISED. LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARE. LOS ANGELES TIMES TOOK NO ACTION RE BOMB THREAT.

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